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## Youth day camp

Applications are being received at Gulfside Assembly, 950 South Beach Blvd., Waveland, near Buccaneer State Park for Summer Elementary Youth Day Camp.

The camp will operate June 30-July 18, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. for youth ages 6-12.

The camp will include Bible study, music, arts & crafts, drama and field trips. The cost is \$49 for the entire session.

Please call 467-4909 to register your child.

## Bible school

Lutheran Church of the Pines, 309 Hwy. 90, Waveland is holding a vacation bible school July 7-11, 9-11:45 a.m. daily.

Pre-registration will be held on Monday, July 7 at 8:30 a.m.

## Benefit fishfry

A benefit fishfry for Britnee Johnston, a 10-year-old heart patient at Tulane Medical Center, will be held on Saturday, July 12, noon until at S&B Sports Bar, Sears Avenue, Waveland.

Boiled shrimp, gumbo, barbecue, hot dogs and hamburgers will be served. Live music and a dunking booth will also be provided.

Britnee is the daughter of Dennis and Michelle Johnston.

## Sunday services

St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Diamondhead will have the Holy Eucharist, Rite II, on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Christian Education for adults is held at 9 a.m. and for children at 9:30. A healing service and informal Eucharist is held on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The Sunday 9 a.m. service will not be held in June, July and August.

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# The Sea Coast Echo



## Graduation Day

Mallory Mestayer Cawfield during her graduation ceremony from the U.S. Naval Academy. Pictured behind her is Vice President Al Gore, a special guest at the ceremony.

## Bay officials take office



## Inauguration

Mayor Eddie Favre and the new Bay St. Louis City Council gathered together for their first photo following inaugural ceremonies held Thursday evening in City Park. Front row from left, Connie Payne Lampley, Mayor Eddie Favre and Carleen Murphy Moran. Back row from left, Jim Thrifiley, James Rutherford and Tad Black. (Echo staff photo by Betsy Gagnet)

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## 'Mama' still slinging hash after 50 years

BY ED LEPOMA

Lois "Mama" Dill has slung hash with the best of them through the good times and bad times, but after more than 50 years of hopping tables, she's showing no signs of slowing down.

"Eat all your grits, and Mama will give you a sweet roll," she promises one customer sitting in a booth at the Waffles Plus on Hwy. 603 outside of Bay St. Louis.

The warning is not issued in a scolding manner, but in the caring way that has endeared

the waitress to customers she has served in Washington, D.C., in popular New Orleans restaurants, and now, in Hancock County.

"All the regulars call me 'Mama,'" says Dill. "Except for one. He calls me Granny but he's at least my age (73) I guess he thinks he's older than me."

Dill's life as a waitress began rather haphazardly. She grew up in Picayune, one of 13 children.

"That's when you shared everything," said Dill. "That was the good times."

"You've got to love people...If you don't love people you're in the wrong business...I think each one is more interesting than the ones before..."

Lois 'Mama' Dill

"I had 10 sisters and two brothers. My father worked for the county. My mother couldn't

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## Bay native sails through events

BY BETSY GAGNET

Graduating from the United States Naval Academy and winning a national sailing competition are individually quite big achievements. Doing both in the span of five days is amazing.

Add in getting married, and you've just described two weeks in the life of Bay St. Louis native Mallory Mestayer Cawfield.

Ensign Cawfield was a member of the class of 1997 at the Naval Academy, which held graduation on May 23. She is the first graduate from Hancock County.

(Optimists) until I was about 15."

During those years she sailed on the national and international level, eventually competing in South American, European and World Competitions.

It was, in fact, sailing competitions which brought her to the Naval Academy.

"I sailed Optimists in Nationals which were hosted by the Academy every summer," she explained. "That's how I met the coach who recruited me and coached me for two years."

After looking at several sail-

"I guess I can say I liked it now that I'm done...I have a good job...I'll have five years of experience...I'll be near the water...That's one good thing about the Navy..."

Ens. Mallory Cawfield

From May 26-28, she competed in, and won the National Intercollegiate Doublehanded Sailing Championships with Susan Olivier, a senior at Annapolis.

Cawfield then returned home for a June 7 wedding to Lieutenant Junior Grade Andrew Cawfield, whom she met at the Naval Academy.

To think it all started one Christmas back when Cawfield was only eight years old, and received an Optimist boat for Christmas and began her sailing career.

"When I was eight, about nine of us got Optimists for Christmas," she said. "I sailed

ing schools on the East Coast, Cawfield decided on the Naval Academy.

Her grandmother, Helen Mestayer, said she thought it was a wonderful idea and opportunity for her granddaughter.

"I asked her one question when she was making up her mind," Mestayer recalled. "I asked her if she really wanted to be in the Navy, because that was where she was going to be."

Cawfield's mother, Marilyn Mestayer, admitted to being nervous at the prospect of her

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## Boudin's sale soon

BY ED LEPOMA

The players are changing, but Hancock County customers won't immediately feel a difference when Trans-American Waste Industries takes over garbage pickup service, expected by Aug. 31.

Trans-American, headquartered in Houston, announced last week it has agreed in principle to acquire Boudin's Waste and Recycling Co., which has had the county contract to pick up household garbage in Bay St. Louis, Waveland and the unincorporated areas of Hancock County for five years.

The acquisition is part of a \$6.5 million deal in which Trans-American will acquire assets of three other solid waste operations in Louisiana and Alabama.

Joey Boudin, the son of

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## Spreading joy

Lois 'Mama' Dill has been waiting tables for more than 50 years, and currently spreads cheer and motherly advice at the Waffles Plus on Hwy. 603 near the Interstate 10 intersection. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

**FRANK COMFORT**

Frank J. Comfort, 61, of Kiln, died Thursday, June 26, 1997, in Slidell.

Mr. Comfort was a native of Canton and a resident of the Fenton community. He was a member of Assumption Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia A. "Pete" Comfort; his parents, John Franklin and Martha Ann Burks Comfort; and three sisters, Jeanne Burks, Ruby Comfort and Margaret Mott.

Survivors include two sons, Franklin Comfort of Diamondhead and Marty Comfort of Fenton; three daughters, Natalie Armento of Standard, Cherelle O'Brien and Sonya Bennett, both of Fenton; three sisters, Alma Watkins of Daphne, Ala., Jamie Belue of Fairhope, Ala., and Ann Boudreaux of Metairie; and 10 grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Mass was celebrated Saturday at Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln. Burial was in Fenton Sandhill Cemetery.

## Scott Favre's plea rejected by Judge

Circuit Court Judge Robert H. Walker rejected Scott Favre's claim that he was denied due process Friday.

A hearing was held Monday, in which Favre's attorney Joe Sam Owen argued that Favre was not granted a hearing before his probation was revoked,

## Jackson VA office moves

On Monday, June 30, the Jackson VA Regional Office will move into its new building at 1600 East Woodrow Wilson Avenue. This relocation from the downtown McCoy Federal Building to its own VA Regional Office building, immediately adjacent to the G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery VA Medical Center, continues a process begun seven years ago when the State of Mississippi donated land for this purpose.

The \$16.3 million, three story, 86,000 square foot building is part of a continuing effort by the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve service to veterans by locating benefit offices next to VA medical center.

Mississippi veterans will be able to receive "one stop" VA benefit services and medical treatment at the new site.

The new office building will open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for veterans and dependents needing information and assistance on VA benefits. For those who wish to call, the number remains the same, 1-800-327-1000.

Service officers from the Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Commission (SVAC), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) and AMVETS also have office space in the new building.

## Licenses available to rodeo

Saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing licenses will be available at the Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo in Gulfport, according to officials with the Department of Marine Resources.

The licenses will be on sale at Rice Pavilion from 7-10 a.m., July 3-5.

## FUNERAL HOME CHOICES

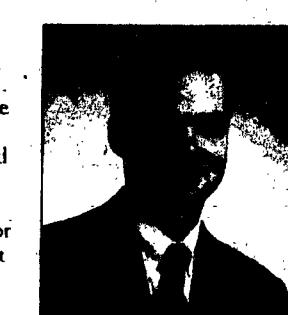
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# Supers discuss rubbish site land purchase behind closed doors

BY ED LIPOMA

Hancock County supervisors held a special meeting with School Board members Thursday to discuss the purchase of more land at Standard in order to expand the county rubbish site.

Shortly after Board President Philip Moran called the meeting to order, board attorney

Gerald Gex ruled that the lease or purchase of lands should be discussed in private, and called for members to exclude the press and public to discuss the matter behind closed doors.

On Friday, Gex confirmed that no action was taken during the negotiations, held in executive session.

## Interstate traffic violation leads to 20 lbs. of marijuana

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

Two Colquitt, Georgia, residents were arrested in connection with the possession of some 20 pounds of marijuana with the intent to sell or deliver in an Interstate-10 bust early Thursday, reported Hancock County Sheriff Ronnie Peterson.

Peterson said, "Sheriff's Lt. Tim Broder and Bay Patrolman Paul Denham made the arrest after stopping a motorist about 3:30 a.m. Thursday for a traffic violation."

Broder, the sheriff's department T-CAP officer (Traveling-Criminal Apprehension Program), accompanied by Denham,

stopped a 1994 Ford pickup for a traffic violation, and during an investigation discovered approximately 20 pounds of marijuana in the vehicle, Peterson said.

Peterson reports the two arrested as David L. Rodrigues, 39, and Oliver S. Bailey, 54, both of Colquitt, Ga., with both being arrested and charged with the possession of marijuana with the intent to sell or deliver. Rodrigues was also charged with a traffic violation.

A check revealed that Rodrigues was on probation for marijuana possession with the intent to sell or deliver in Coli-

quitt, too, so he is being held without bond for Georgia authorities.

Bond was set at \$20,000 for Bailey, who on Friday was still lodged in the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility, Peterson said.

Other officers assisting in the arrest were, sheriff's deputies Jimmy Esposito, Chris Russell, and Bay patrolman Matt Carver and Mississippi State Trooper Glen Grice.

Peterson said T-CAP officer Broder is assisted by either a Bay St. Louis, or Waveland Patrolman on his patrols.

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## Bay VFW recognized nationally

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

The Bay St. Louis Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3253 took top state honors at the VFW's State Convention held last weekend in Jackson and also national honors.

The Bay VFW was recognized as the number one post in the state of Mississippi and also received the Toxie K. Stapleton Trophy.

Additional state awards included first place in community activities. Post Commander Gene Schloegel was named captain of the All-State team, and Quartermaster Irving Kingston was also named to the All-State Team.

On a national level the Bay

VFW Post and its Ladies Auxiliary was honored with third place community record book award, chaired by Randolph Bourgouis and Barbara Schloegel, auxiliary chairman. In addition, Post Commander Gene Schloegel was named the All-American commander for the state of Mississippi.

Schloegel, as the Mississippi All-American commander, will represent the state at the VFW National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, and also at the VFW Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D.C.

Additional national awards received were for youth activity, safety and special project (the Bay Flag Memorial).

This is the first time for the Bay VFW Post to receive the Toxie K. Stapleton Trophy in its 55 year history.

The third place national finish in community activity is the highest rating ever for a state of Mississippi VFW Post.

All the awards and trophies are on display at VFW Post 3253, 208 Third St., Bay St. Louis for community viewing.

Among those attending the convention from the Bay VFW Post were Commander Schloegel and Auxiliary President Cindy Schoonmaker.

Hugh Long of Jackson was elected as the 1997-98 VFW Department state commander.

## Local CFC adds new agencies to annual campaign event

Federal employees in South Mississippi now have a greater opportunity to contribute to the charity of their choice with the recent addition of eight new agencies to the 1997 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) list of charitable organizations.

A Local Federal Coordinating Committee (LFCC), consisting of federal employees, is responsible for the review and selection of local non-profit organizations eligible for inclusion to the list.

Captain Frank P. DiGeorge III, commanding officer, Naval Construction Battalion Center, and chair of the committee, announced the LFCC's final determination of eligible local programs June 11.

This year's additions to the list of area non-profit agencies are:

Navy CARES!

Wildlife Rehabilitation and Nature Preservation Society Inc. (WRANPS)

Hope Haven of Hancock County Inc.

### Lightning hits sheriff's office

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

Lightning struck the Hancock County Sheriff Office's communication center during a Thursday morning thunderstorm.

Sheriff Ronnie Peterson said, "Radio dispatcher Janel Piazza was on duty when the lightning struck, sending flashes through the system into the dispatcher's office, and we were lucky there were no injuries."

Early estimates show \$2,800 of damages, which should be covered by insurance, Peterson said.

The sheriff's office has a standby radio unit which was quickly brought into service with no delays in communications, Peterson reported.

Technicians arrived shortly after the thunderstorm and began to assess the damages to the communications system. It should be up and running within a few days, Peterson said.

Harrison County Habitat for Humanity Inc.

The Center for International Seamen and Truckers

Lynn Meadows Discovery Center for Children

Kids Voting Mississippi Inc.

In cooperation with Navy Personal Excellence Partnerships to help America's Youth, Navy CARES pays particular attention to our nation's youth in helping them to become members of the workforce and responsible citizens.

City-County Community Education Program enables Hancock County residents from all backgrounds to fulfill educational goals and needs.

The Wildlife Center rescues, rehabilitates and releases wild birds and mammals in Mississippi and is also involved in wildlife education.

Hope Haven of Hancock County is a non-profit organization which provides a refuge for abused and/or neglected children.

Through volunteer efforts and tax deductible donations, Harrison County Habitat for Humanity builds simple, affordable houses and sells them to qualified families with no profit or interest.

Located in Gulfport Harbor, the Center for International Seamen and Truckers provides a home away from home for seamen and truckers.

The only children's museum in the state of Mississippi, the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, provides hand-on activities and programs producing an environment of excitement for children in the area of education.

Awareness of the voting process is heightened for children through Kids Voting Mississippi. This program allows youngsters to vote alongside their parents on Election Day.

The eight agencies will join about 200 other local charities, many of them area United Way members, as potential recipients of CFC donations when the South Mississippi campaign begins Sept. 1.

"CFC, the only authorized solicitation of employees in the federal work place on behalf of charitable organizations, has a proven and efficient track record since its creation over 30 years ago," Capt. DiGeorge said. Last year over \$761,000 was raised locally for various charities which see to the needs of despairing individuals at home and abroad, fund medical research and protect the environment.

Local, national and international non-profit agencies in CFC give concerned employees within the federal work community an opportunity to contribute to the charity of their choice. Through the volunteer efforts of those involved in CFC, only seven percent of the funds raised are used for training, printing campaign materials, and auditing contributions. The larger percentage of campaign funds are used to help needy individuals all over the world.

The Combined Federal Campaign has scheduled its "kick-off" gala for Aug. 27 at Keesler Air Force Base. CFC volunteers from the nine-county area and representatives of participating charities are invited to attend.

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## CRAB FEST

By Marlin E. Ivey

The last July 4th weekend is fast approaching, and many are making special plans for the three-day weekend.

Even though it is a big weekend, there are some of us who still have to report for work or volunteer time for church fairs, fishing rodeos, boat parades and festivals.

Many are looking forward to the annual Gulf Coast Crab Festival and St. Rose de Lima Church Fair, which are set for July 3, 4 and 5 in Bay St. Louis.

This will mark the 13th Annual Crab Festival sponsored by OLG and will be held on the church's grounds on Beach Boulevard.

Events include a kiddie land, games, rides, arts and crafts, live music, white elephant booth and all types of seafood specials.

The "Candy Man," Mr. Gene Monti, will be on hand with his Cotton Candy machine. Mr. Gene, whom I have known since a wee lad, really enjoys making that cotton candy.

The "Candy Man" has been a regular at the Crab Festival and numerous church fairs.

The Crab Fest begins at 10 a.m. on all three days.

St. Rose's Annual Church Fair and Homecoming will be held on the school grounds, Necessaire Avenue, across the street from the church.

There will be seafood dinners, po-boys, okra gumbo, a sweets booth, boiled shrimp and crawfish, fried chicken, and other foods.

There will be a plush animal booth, exotic plants, bingo, cash drawing, and kiddie booths, such as ring toss.

Live entertainment will be by such popular groups as New Orleans rhythm and blues band Conquest.

The fair opens at 5 p.m. on Friday, with events and concessions starting at 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday activities begin at 11 a.m. with dinners.

Other events for the St. Rose Fair include a softball tournament, horseshoe throwing tournament, horseback rides, grab bags, etc.

Sounds like fun. Good food and fun will be at both of the fair and festival next weekend.

Next weekend also marks the annual Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo which is headquartered at the Rice Pavillion in Gulfport.

The rodeo runs Thursday through Sunday, and it too will offer a lot of entertainment, in addition to having a lot of fish on display.

There is cash prize money and many fishing-related prizes for the winners in the salt water and fresh water competition.

Best of all, it costs nothing to enter; just fill out a registration and submit before fishing.

I wish all the anglers the best as they hook onto and try to land the "big one."

A note to fishermen: Licenses expire on June 30, 1997, both salt and fresh water, so it is time to renew.

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—Ellis Cuevas, publisher

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## Riding in style

Thomas F. Monti was about age four when this photo was taken of him and his hound dog in Bay St. Louis about 1919. The model car was built by his father's Blacksmith & Buggy Shop located at rear of Citizen Street home, and the shop was located on the Hancock Street side. The shop later moved to the corner of Union, Touline and Hancock streets. The business name was Monti Bros., and they were the first Motel-T car dealer in Bay St. Louis. Brothers Thomas F. (his father), Claude and Johnny Monti were owners. They sold a variety of car makes at that time and also serviced vehicles and made "woody" type vehicles for sale. Thomas F. Monti of Bay St. Louis, the father of three sons and a daughter, was an engineer for Coast Electric Power Association before his retirement. He will celebrate his 92nd birthday today. (Photo courtesy of daughter Marlene Hartmann of Bay St. Louis.) The Echo welcomes photos older than 25 years for publication. They will be returned to their owners.

## Higher learning heading in the right direction

By J. Marlin Ivey, President  
Board of Trustees  
of State Institutions  
of Higher Learning

The whole state is emphasizing education and decision-makers are engaged in identifying and doing what needs to be done in order to strengthen programs and services for students of all ages.

The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) is using a process which is putting our public universities on the right course. The momentum deserves support from all sectors.

Many positive elements have come together in Mississippi to create a focus on education. Like a renaissance, these elements involve progressive leadership in the legislature; successful public school reform; business and community leaders demanding stronger systems of public education and higher education; and collaborative efforts by Mississippi's education partners including the Mississippi Department of Education, Mississippi Community and Junior Colleges, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning and Public Education Forum.

These partners have formed the Educational Alliance Task Force whose top priority is to review and recommend improvements in our teacher education programs.

As we celebrate 150 years of higher education in Mississippi, the Board, working together with the university presidents and administration, community and business leaders, alumni, the Governor, the legislature, and citizens are raising our public universities to a level of higher academic excellence.

Mississippi has eight strong universities and is a system continually undergoing substantial changes and experiencing trends that will only accelerate in the future. Enrollment for Fall 1996 shows that Mississippi universities served 1,537 more students this fall than last year for a total of 60,580.

Enrollment has increased 14 percent within the last 10 years. At least 20 percent more students are enrolled at off-campus centers; 33 percent more students are over the age of 25; and 24 percent more graduate students are enrolled today than was the case 10 years ago. Each of Mississippi's universities is focusing more closely on the non-traditional student who now accounts for 33 percent of the student population.

A whole new process in terms of providing the type of services that the non-traditional student will demand in the future, is taking place at our universities.

The Board of Trustees for the Institutions of Higher Learning is expending a considerable amount of time in order to make sure that the right persons are found to lead Mississippi State University and Mississippi Val-

ley State University. We are confident that these presidential searches will result in successful choices.

The Board of Trustees, Chief Executive Officers, and IHL administration applaud the 1997 Legislature and Governor Fordice for responding to the Board's request to make education Mississippi's number one priority.

The Board and the Mississippi universities especially appreciate the Legislature's commitment to a multi-year salary increase, the significant bond bill and the establishment of the Ayers endowment.

These three initiatives will make a difference in the quality of the universities. The \$75 million bond bill largely for repair and renovation of our facilities will go a long way in establishing a multi-year trend in reducing the \$479 million needs of the IHL system's facilities.

Finally, the establishment of the Ayers endowment for the three historically black universities will help ensure that this important element of the Ayers case is addressed.

We are grateful that especially during the recent Legislative Session, the Legislature listened to us explain our needs and also responded to the constituents on the Gulf Coast in funding the Gulf Coast Needs Assessment.

This study will examine the need for additional programs at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park Campus and hopefully it will assist the Gulf Coast citizens.

This study will provide the citizens with a roadmap so that the programs can be offered in the most effective and efficient manner and will be completed in time for review by the 1998 Legislature.

Without the support of the Legislature, university personnel, alumni, business and the community, and special task forces, Boards such as ours, can only do so much. Accordingly, we recognize and thank those who have been instrumental in helping us stay on track and effectively communicate the needs of the Institutions of Higher Learning.

As we move toward a new millennium, we ask for both private and public support of our universities, we pledge to continue to work closely with the Legislature and we pledge to continue to invest the money you have entrusted to us for public education wisely and we pledge to our citizens of this state, that every person who wants a quality education will have an opportunity to earn one.

We are a state moving forward and The Board of Trustees for the State Institutions of Higher Learning is educated to doing the best for education in our state. With continued support and collective efforts of all decision-makers, the public universities will continue to move in the right direction.

## EVERYDAY

## Memories are made of this

Recently my husband, my wife and I were reflecting on our children's memories of their childhood. We thought about all kinds of stories, some my children could not even aware of this way).

This is kind of a ritual or "given" in our family, since we don't live in the same town, whenever we're together for a length of time this topic comes up. We all do enjoy recalling the fun and many adventures we had as children.

Sometimes the stories are told, sometimes they are new, but no matter what the story—it is wonderful to share this nostalgic time with those you love. Those of you who have read my column before know stories are commonplace in our home.

Sharing these are a way of passing on my life with my children and reliving them in a special kind of way. Recently my son has started telling us about his adventures. His are made up, of course, but he is enjoying this ritual and wants to share it with us.

Memories are a special thing, they allow us to step back in time, a doorway to our past, and I think everyone wants to remember the past from time to time. Storytelling is generations old. Some of our greatest fables, came from retelling a story over and over.

When my husband and I first married, his father, William, would tell stories over and over and over. I am still teasing my husband today about this, because as I grew up my family didn't do this very often.

I would say to my husband when he would go into one of his own stories for the tenth time, "Yes, William, I know." That was a hint that he had already told me this. Shortly after my husband's father passed away, I received the treasured gifts he had left behind. I am very pleased now when my husband tells me a story for the hundredth time.

We don't know what our children will grow to value about their childhood, and we can't pick it for them, so how do we ensure that they will have memories they too will want to share over and over? I think it is in the little things. Oh sure, they will remember going to the amusement parks, the vacations, all the special outings we plan for them, but what will be close in their hearts can only be revealed in time.

I know that it doesn't have to be elaborate and costly to build special memories or traditions with your children or in your family.

Money really has nothing to do with it. Time is the key, time is the one thing our children need from us. Time is the only thing we can give them that does not cost anything. Time is so invaluable we often don't realize how much it means to them.

Memories can be built on story time each night. Rituals and routines are something all children need, and when they

## New laws become effective in July

**Editor's Note:** There are dozens of new state laws which take effect in Mississippi on or about July. This is a House Representative report continued from Thursday's Edition.

Any person born after June 30, 1980, will have to complete a boating safety course in order to operate a motorboat under another law taking effect in July. Although the bill was passed in 1996, implementation was delayed until July 1, 1997. The act also prohibits anyone under 12 from operating a motorboat unless accompanied by a person who is at least 21, and makes it clear that the term motorboat includes "personal watercraft" such as jet-ski boats.

Other laws taking effect in July will revamp laws involving regional mental health and retardation centers and empower the state Department of Mental Health to develop minimum standards for the facilities and direct the state Health Department to establish a program to identify and investigate birth defects and maintain a birth defect registry.

Make it a felony for a doctor to knowingly perform a partial-birth abortion in the state; provide immunity from civil action for teachers and school principals for paddling students or administering other forms of corporal punishment under certain conditions spelled out in the bill.

Create a statewide work program for juvenile offenders; revise procedures for leasing 16th Section School Lands classified as agricultural land; and expand home- and community-based services under the Medicaid program to include all 82 counties; overhaul child support laws in line with federal mandates under the new welfare reform act.

And there are many others. —Hancock County State Representatives J. P. Compere and Dirk Dedeaux

## REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

*By Patsy Powell*  
*For The Times-Picayune*

Filthy-rich by birth, William J. Tulloch went the playboy route for years until he crossed short one day. He had been given \$1,000 to buy him a lawyer, all the money and no services were to help other people in need.

So he trudged back to college and picked up a doctorate in medicine. After becoming a full-fledged medical doctor, he returned to college and picked up a doctorate in law, so that he was now a qualified medical doctor/attorney.

Caucasian and worth multi-

million, he moved into one of the poorest black neighborhoods in the New Orleans area. No one else would live there, so his association of legal services was turned away.

Apart from the fact that he chose to live in a predominantly neighborhood, even on weekends, the major difference between Dr. Tulloch and other doctors and lawyers was that he charged only what his clients could afford to pay.

That pay often turned out to be two dollars, some fried

chicken, a slice of greens. But there was always a charge. "How much do you think you can afford to pay?" was the standard question to a prospective client.

If the person was very reluctant to speak, Doc Tulloch would suggest a couple of dollars or a bit of food, anything the client might find comfortable to deal with.

"It is important for people to give something," he would always say. "Whenever you perform a service of any kind and of

any value, give people a sense of dignity by demanding something of them, no matter how small or cheap."

"A benevolent old eccentric," was the perception by most people of Doc Tulloch, my friend Bill Savoy, who knew him rather well, told me a couple of days ago. "Everyone thought he lived from hand to mouth with no money to his name."

Eccentric might have been the label applied by most people, but, to the needy little people of the neighborhood, Doc Tulloch was their hero, their champion, their friend in need.

He never bothered anyone, never used bad language, profanity or obscenity. Bill went on to say, "He had the most profound respect for everyone and for their religious beliefs and practices, although he attended no church."

"Everybody has a right to arrive at personal conclusions concerning religious beliefs," Doc Tulloch would say time and again. Religion is a good thing, therapeutic of most of what ails us in all aspects of our life."

Belying this deep respect for others' beliefs was his own admission that Sunday morning for him was a walk through the woods, a stroll through the park, communing with nature.

Only to his closest friends would he confide on occasion that he was an atheist with the following credo:

"Everyone should come to a point where one says: This is it, I can live with this belief for the rest of my life."

To all appearances, Doc Tulloch died broke, without even a burial policy. The neighbors got up a collection and buried him from a Baptist church, not realizing his strong atheism.

Naturally, they were stunned with everyone else upon hearing he had left millions of dollars for a community center.

"I am sure that his 'atheism' was belief in God poorly defined by us, but understood by those who put his office sign on his gave: 'Dr. William Tulloch, Office Upstairs.'

## EVERDAY RECIPES

*Lola, Party  
(Patsy Powell)*

### Good Morning Y'all

Summer is here, and the grill is ready for your favorite goodie. Here is a quick and easy salad to go along with any cookout or bring to a party dish.

This was originally a very long and drawn-out recipe, but one day I needed to bring a dish to my daughter Angel's house, and I didn't have time to make it with fresh vegetables, so the old mind improvised.

Now just ask me was I surprised how good it was. My goodness, when the party was over, guess whose bowl was almost empty and they wanted the recipe and wanted to take some home? Was my head big? You bet!

We could call this Quick Veggie and Macaroni Salad, but I want to call it Bring a Dish to Angel's Veggie and Macaroni Salad.

You can call it your love of your lives name instead, but she's mine.. Did I ever tell you I used to call her "The Queen"? That's another story.

See you next time... Love, Patsy

**BRING A DISH TO ANGEL'S VEGGIE AND MACARONI SALAD**  
2 packages of frozen California vegetable mix or whatever kind suits your fancy  
1 jar of olive salad olives, and

pimentos (as much as you want)

1 can black olives, the more the merrier

1 package of twisty, corkcrewy noodles, cooked

1 large bottle of Italian salad dressing

Parmesan cheese  
Salt and pepper to taste

Take the frozen veggies and put in a colander and run hot water over them to thaw or let sit out and thaw — drain either way.

Isn't this easy? Now after they are well drained, put them in a sealable bowl, put in the olives, black and green, with the pimento, the cooked screwey noodles and the Italian dressing and Parmesan cheese.

Cover and shake gently. Let this begar sit overnight, and shake it whenever you think about it; and if you don't need to. You know what, I have always added some olive juice too; green is better.

You may put some lettuce in a bowl and put this on top, or you may just eat as is. Quick and easy — serves a lot. Oh, don't forget to have that container of Parmesan cheese out, so they can put on top of their salad when they are ready to eat.

They will think you worked so hard.

## SMH community health programs

Slidell Memorial Hospital is offering the following health-care seminars and screenings during July:

**New Options for the Prevention & Treatment of Osteoporosis**: July 10, noon, free in the SMH Women's Resource Suite. There are new treatments available which can slow bone loss and the fractures caused by osteoporosis. Madelyn C. Wiegand, MD, endocrinology, will disclose new non-hormonal prevention and treatment methods and how they compare to hormone replacement therapies presently in use. A risk assessment will also be available. Call 646-0044 to register.

**Divorce Support Group**: July 17, noon, in the SMH Women's Resource Suite. This new support group for divorced or separated adults is designed to help families cope with all phases of divorce and separation. Call 646-0044 to register or for information.

**Can Type II Diabetes be Prevented?**: July 17, 7 p.m., free in the SMH Medical Office Building Conference Rooms A & B. Type II diabetes is often diagnosed after a person has been considered "borderline" diabetic for years. Registered dietitian and SMH certified diabetes educator Paula Brown will review the lifestyle changes to reduce risk of becoming diabetic or "crossing" that border.

Call 646-0044 to register.

**Creating a Perfect Smile**: July 18, noon, free in SMH Women's Resource Suite. Want to improve your smile? Mike Robichaux DDS, will introduce a variety of ways to make your smile youthful regardless of age. Call 646-0044 to register.

**Sugar Busters: Cut Sugar to Trim Fat**: July 24, noon, in the SMH Medical Office Building Conference Rooms A & B. Sugar Busters has proven to be an effective and easy means of weight loss for many. SMH dietitian Paula Brown will repeat her popular program reviewing this revolutionary dietary concept for maintaining a healthful lifestyle. Call 646-0044 to register.

**Prostate Screening for Men Over 40**: July 15 and July 29, 9-11 a.m. in the SMH Medical Office Building at the Urology Center, Ste. 330; \$10 for the PSA Test. According to the American Cancer Society, prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men over the age of 40. There is a high survival rate if detected early.

This screening consists of a digital rectal examination and prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test. Screening is for men who have not been diagnosed with cancer of the prostate or have not received a prostate exam within the last 12 months. Appointments are required. Call 649-6660 to schedule.

**Kidmed Screenings**: Monday-Friday, in the SMH Pediatric Office, 1337 12th Street. Kidmed is a wellness program for children who have a current Louisiana Medicaid card. It features head-to-toe physical and developmental (Denver) screenings, lead screening and immunizations for children infants through 18 years. Available by appointment only. Call 649-8775.

**USMGC sets first graduation ceremony for culinary academy**

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast's Culinary Arts Academy will graduate its first class Tuesday, July 1.

The graduation ceremony begins at 6 p.m. at the Gulf Park Conference Center auditorium. A reception follows the ceremony.

Michael Hayden, assistant coordinator for the academy, said nine students will complete the academy's certificate program. The first academy class began work in September 1996.

USMGC's Culinary Arts Academy provides hands-on experience for those interested in becoming chefs and an academic background for those interested in a broader career in

food service management.

Hayden said most of the graduating students are already working in the food service field, adding that CAA certification can "open new or additional doors" in the food service field.

USMGC Dean Dr. James O. Williams will preside at the graduation. The graduation speaker will be Chef Gary Barnette, a certified food and beverage executive and a certified executive chef who was an integral part of beginning the academy's programs at USMGC.

Applications are being accepted through July 24 for the academy's fall 1997 term. For information, call Hayden at (601) 867-8783.

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## Native

daughter, and oldest child, shipping off to Annapolis, but was confident in her child.

"She's always had a lot of initiative, but the main thing is she is very well balanced," Marilyn Mestayer said. "I continue to be proud of her. She's a beautiful young woman."

In July following her senior year at Our Lady Academy, Cawfield headed up to Annapolis to begin her "plebe" year.

There were approximately 1,100 in her class and about 10 percent of them were women.

"The first summer was not what I expected," said Cawfield, speaking about what is referred to as indoctrination. "I

had seen the sailing end of (the school) on a visit, but there was no way to see all of the day-to-day stuff."

Cawfield said the "plebe summer" is when all the civilians are indoctrinated into the military way of life.

The plebes are taught how to wear the uniform and inspections are made to make sure uniform creases are in the right place and shoes are shined in the proper manner.

There was also a lot of yelling. Upper classmen drill the plebes who have to learn a myriad of rules and regulations top of being able to recite such things as the daily menu in the

mess hall.

Additionally, Cawfield said there was a lot of physical training; which she said she was pretty well prepared for. Running track in high school, combined with coming from an area high in humidity and temperature helped her accomplish the physical requirements.

In making it through that first year, Cawfield said the main thing was not to "take anything personally."

"I don't think they are any tougher (on women)," she said. "Girls are people (who tend) to take things more personally."

The whole first year you're still a plebe and you have to do stuff that makes you remember

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you're a plebe."

She explained that there are a lot more regulations now on what can and can't be done during indoctrination, which she thought was in step with what was going on everywhere in the military these days.

Unlike some of her classmates, Cawfield said she never felt pressured to remain at the Academy.

"My mom and grandmother were very supportive," she said. "When I was having hard times (and called home), they always told me I could come home."

Sailing played a large role in Cawfield's four years at the Naval Academy, although she said there were not many female skippers when she went in.

Despite the long, grueling season, sailing was a great outlet, especially in the beginning.

"The time I spent at practice, other people were doing drills," she explained. "(Sailing) got me off campus."

She was named to the All-America Sailing Team all four of her school years.

Winning the championship this year was made more sweet by the fact that she and Olivier had placed second in the event the two previous years.

Now that graduation is behind her, Ensign Cawfield heads out to Port Hueneme, Calif., where she will attend 13 weeks of school in naval civil engineering. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Ocean Engineering, and owes the Navy five years of service.

Her husband is in Pensacola, Fla., completing helicopter flight school, after which he will receive his first assignment.

The plan is for the couple to end up stationed in the same location, which Cawfield said will most likely be in either San Diego, CA, Norfolk, VA or Jacksonville, FL.

"My detail is public works which should be available wherever he ends up," Cawfield said optimistically. "I guess they could throw us a surprise."

With the experience of the Naval Academy behind her, Cawfield appreciates that it has opened up "tons of opportunity."

"I guess I can say I liked it now that I'm done. I met a lot of great friends," she said. "I have a good job, and whether I stay in or not I'll have five years of experience."

She intends to give competitive sailing a rest for a while, but said she wants to do some "fun racing."

"I'll always be near the water," she laughed. "That's one good thing about the Navy."

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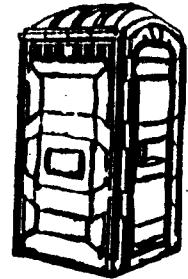
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address which had as its theme a renewed enthusiasm for getting things accomplished in Bay St. Louis.

He challenged every person in the city to "do 2000 positive things for the City of Bay St. Louis before midnight on December 31, 1989." He said

based on 10,000 residents that amounts to 30,000 positive things a day.

Favre said "the accountant Eddie Favre" calculates each person will have to do 2.2 things a day to reach the goal, but the "Merry Eddie Favre" is asking for three.

He sent a call to set aside any differences between he and the city council and "move forward."

Together we can keep the momentum going and make sure Bay St. Louis remains a place apart," Favre concluded.

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and any collection and disposal contracts.

Last January, the Hancock County Solid Waste District extended Boudin's contract for another four years, and Trans-American officials said they would stand by terms of that contract. The value of that contract is estimated to be in excess of \$1 million annually.

Trans-American of Mississippi currently manages and operates the county's rubbish site at Standard, and is in the process of setting up a transfer site for some rubbish since the state Department of Environmental Quality recently limited what could be buried there.

Trans-American said the series of agreements represents efforts by the firm to "further in-

tegrate its solid waste operations and internalize additional waste streams into its landfills."

In Louisiana, the company entered definite agreements with Waste Management, Inc., and the Omega One Company, centralizing collection and operations currently using the Sabine Parish Landfill and the Lassealle Parish Landfill.

It will also purchase Target Waste Industries, Inc., of Mobile, which will use the Chastang Landfill.

Trans-American owns landfills in Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee and one in McNeil in Pearl River County. Upon completion of the acquisitions, Trans American will have annualized revenue in excess of \$40 million, according to Tommy Fatjo, a vice president.

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do nothing else, but raise all of us. That was a full-time job."

Dill said when she finished school in Picayune, the nation was gearing up to enter World War II, and the government came to town to recruit workers for the war effort.

"Just about all the girls and boys went to Washington to work for the government," said Dill.

She was all of 16 when she left Picayune and accepted a job doing bookkeeping and accounting for the government and went to live in Washington, D.C.

She stayed there from 1939 to 1944, but had evenings off and sought out evening work. She found a waitress job at a popular Greek restaurant.

In 1945, Dill migrated to New Orleans and landed a job at Martin Brothers Famous Poboy Restaurant at Dowman Road and Chef Highway.

It was a gathering place for locals, as well as travelers heading east and west along U.S. Hwy. 90.

Apparently, Dill had found her niche, and regular customers began to wait until she came on to be served. "I was the big Mamou at the front counter," said Dill. "You couldn't miss me."

Dill said that was partly because she weighed in at almost 300 pounds. "But later, I went to Weight Watchers," she boasts, adding she's now down to a trim 165.

Dill married when she was about 26 and stayed at Martin Brothers for 20 years. She had to hop three buses to get from her apartment on N. Galvez and Independence in order to get to work every day.

The restaurant closed once after a fire.

"But, I was back when it was reopened," she says proudly. "And, I was there until the day it closed in 1965."

From Martin's, Dill found work at the Commercial Restaurant on Gravier Street in Downtown New Orleans, where she stayed another 20 years.

"I waited on a lot of politicians, judges and other important people," said Dill. Among her favorites were the late Mayor Victor Schiro, his ne-

Dill. "I call Karen my adopted daughter."

From the Rainbow, Dill went to waiting on tables at Waffles Plus, when it was also run by Johnson.

Last May, a new couple, Erik Bromwell and wife, Kim, took over the lease, but Dill stayed on the scene, unflattered by changes going on around her.

She has some advice for people thinking about getting into waitressing.

"You've got to love people," said Dill. "I think each one is more interesting and nicer than the ones before. If you don't love people, you're in the wrong business."

Dill says she's happy working her 2 p.m. until 10 p.m. shift Mondays through Thursdays.

In her spare time, she is active in Waveland's United Methodist Church.

"The one thing I believe in is prayer," said Dill. "Pray regularly, and the Good Lord will take care of you."

She also likes to go out and eat and be waited on.

"But, I don't like seafood," she adds.

Dill also drives regularly to New Orleans to visit Mrs. Dufar and other lifelong friends.

"I got a GMC truck parked outside," said Dill. "It runs like a scared deer."

I took a house right next to them on Spruce Street. It's a dead-end street, and so quiet. I love it," said Dill.

Although she is drawing Social Security, Dill said she sought out work shortly after she arrived in the area, and landed at the Rainbow Cafe off Hwy. 90 in Bay St. Louis. It is managed by Karen Johnson, daughter of the owner.

Johnson wasn't at the restaurant when Dill came to apply, but her sister, Rose DeLachamp, decided to take a chance on Dill.

"Karen told me later it was a good thing that Rose was there. She said she would have thought I was too old and thought my application in the garbage can," said Dill.

Over the years, she and Johnson have become close friends. "I don't have any children," said

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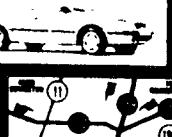
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## Consider ownership types carefully

**Q.** I recently married for the second time. I have children from my first marriage, one of whom lives in a small house that I own. This is a second marriage for my husband too, though he and his first wife had no children.

My husband and I are buying a house together. We are debating on whether to put our new house and all of our assets in joint ownership with right of survivorship. We were told that this type ownership avoids probate. I want to make sure this is the best thing to do for us as a couple and for my children. Can you give us some information on property ownership?

**A.** Joint tenancy with right of survivorship (JTWROS) is one of the most popular and least

understood means of owning property. Married couples generally do use this form of ownership when they purchase assets together. When property is owned as JTWROS and one joint owner dies, that owner's interest in the property automatically passes to the surviving joint owner.

Transfers at death are quick and easy, by operation of law as opposed to the will and probate process. JTWROS can conveniently transfer ownership of an automobile or bank account to the family so that assets are available for the family's use without delays or complications.

However, before changing the ownership status of assets, consider the consequences of

JTWROS, especially in a blended family situation. How will JTWROS affect the disposition of your various assets including the new house, the house your child lives in, and any real property or investments assets?

As you look at ownership forms, make sure that each spouse would have their needs met if the other one should die. Also, make sure that your children and grandchildren will not be inadvertently disinherited. Especially with a blended family, planning and legal advice are the key to accomplishing all your estate planning goals. Consider what happened to another family in a similar situation.

This couple, called John and Jill, married after their first spouses died. Jill had no children from her first marriage. John had four children and several grandchildren. Over the years before their death, the couple transferred virtually all their separate assets into joint ownership. They had no children together. They never consulted an at-



## CONSUMER UPDATE

**By Jan Lukens, MRA, CFP**  
Consumer Money Management Specialist

these educational publications and organize your important papers. This will prepare you to work with your attorney. Estate planning is not a "do-it-yourself" activity.

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torney regarding an estate plan or revisions to their respective wills. At John's death, all assets became the sole property of Jill. Jill had no children, and her will left all her property to her niece. But Jill's niece had predeceased her. The children of Jill's niece received all the property and assets John and Jill had accumulated over their lifetimes. John's children and grandchildren received none of the assets he had once designated for them to receive in his will.

This is an excellent time for you and your new spouse to update your estate plan, of which property ownership forms are just one component. Mississippi State University/Cooperative Extension Service offers a free Estate Planning publication series which gives general information and guidelines.

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## Baby Boomers fuel the market

World War II officially ended in 1945. That year, thousands of GIs returned home to family life. It's no wonder that 1946 became the first explosive year of the baby boom.

In 1996, the first of those baby boomers turned 50, and an estimated 70 million more will reach that milestone in the next 10 years.

Much has been written about the negative impact the aging boomers might have on

## Beginning business workshop

The University of Southern Mississippi's Small Business Development Center will offer a session on "How To Start Your Own Business" on Tuesday, July 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis.

The workshop will cover general information on starting a small business, including information on licensing, taxing, business planning and financing.

Co-sponsors are Gulf Coast Business Technology Center, Greater Biloxi Economic Development Foundation, Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and USM Gulf Coast Continuing Education.

Cost of the workshop is \$15 and must be paid in advance.

For information or to register, call SBDC at 601-865-4578.

our future economy because of their needs for Social Security and Medicare. But precious little has been said about their positive contributions.

American Funds recently outlined a few economic benefits for which we can thank the baby boomers. For example, in 1953 one of the best investments

on the market was Gerber Products. A \$1,000 investment in Gerber at the beginning of the year was worth \$13,000 at the end. In 1956, the Hula Hoop was the big moneymaker. For 3-1/2 cents, a company named WHAMO stapled together the ends of a 9-foot plastic hose and sold it for a dollar.

By 1958, the boomers were riding bicycles. That Christmas was the best in company history for Schwinn Bicycle Co. In 1963, boomers put Capitol Records on top by buying Beatle records. Three years later, 70 million boomers rebelled against school dress codes in favor of blue jeans. That year — 1966 — Levi Strauss made it big.

In the 1970s, baby boomers were growing up, graduating from college and buying homes of their own. The stock market didn't do much, but real estate boomed (pun intended).

In the 1980s, boomers put their kids in day care, bought computers and software, made long-distance phone calls and took to the air in jets. Guess which industries were the winners in that decade.

Baby boomers will continue

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**Submitted by Craig Foster**  
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to have positive effects on the economy and the investment markets. Someone in this country turns 50 every 7.5 seconds. During the next 10 years, that group will make more money than at any other time in their lives. They also will inherit an estimated \$1 trillion.

Where will this money go?

Baby boomers have shown they prefer investing to saving. Mutual funds and common stocks are already their choices for 401(k) plans, profit sharing plans and personal investments, because boomers know that over long periods of time, stocks outperform other investments. For them, the

days of relying solely on low-interest CDs and savings accounts are gone.

Strong corporate profits, combined with low inflation and interest rates, are driving the market up and increasing the demand for quality stocks.

The last period like this was 1962 to 1966 — more than 30 years ago — when we experienced a similar environment of low inflation and low interest rates. Today, however, we have the added liquidity supplied by the huge population of baby boomers.

This time is different — and you can thank the baby boomers for that.

## Treutel earns award

The Independent Insurance Agents of Mississippi (IIAM) held its 99th annual convention June 15-18 in Florida with a record crowd of over 700 independent insurance agents, company representatives and industry people in attendance.

Receiving the AAMGA Association Achievement Award for 1997 was David Treutel Jr. of Bay St. Louis. Treutel served on the IIAM Executive Committee as legislative chairman and association vice president this past year.

The award recognized his work in establishing and coordinating the association's State Legislative Day for independent insurance agents in Jackson and his work as chair of the Agents of Mississippi Political Action Committee.

He has also led the state delegation representing the IIAM at the National Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. for

the past two years. Treutel is president of Treutel Insurance Agency, Inc. at T&T Financial Services, P.A. in Bay St. Louis.

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## Tourism bureau awarded grants

The Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau has received approval for four separate tourism grants from the State of Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development/Tourism Development Division.

The amount to be awarded totals \$29,026, which represents a 50 percent match for the cost of advertising in "Mississippi Travel Guide Magazine," "Travel Weekly Magazine," "Mississippi Coast Fun Times Guide," and a summer promotion of Hancock County as a tourist destination, "The Hunt."

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8A-THE SEA COAST ECHO—SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 1997

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**Big tabby**

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## News from McLeod

We'll be gearing up for record crowds and, hopefully, less rain as the big Fourth of July weekend approaches.

We're booked to the rafters with all waterfront and interior camp sites reserved, as well as the primitive camping areas. The ball field and two covered pavilions are also rented.

Before the rain set in, some big fish were being caught in the Jourdan River. One that didn't get away was a 21-pound, six-pound Tabby landed by Mr. T.O. McKay of the Standard-Dedeaux community. He and family are regular campers at McLeod Water Park.

Last week, I also talked with Mack and Louise Hester of Leetown, and they were running a trout line. They managed to get



**ROLAND LEE**

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Just in case somebody might have cancelled, you might want to call our staff at 467-1894. Don't be disappointed if we're full. There's still a lot of summer weekends ahead, but it's always good sense to make your reservations in advance.

Until next time:  
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# COMMUNITY

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## Diamondhead Lions install new officers



Some of those in attendance at the installation were from left clockwise, Joe Jackson, Phyllis Dowell, Dennis Dowell, Johnie Pearson, Jo-Del Beckham, Jim Beckham and Greg Perry.



Gavel emblematic of her new office is passed from 1996-97 president Conrad Bourgeois to newly elected President Betty Peters.



District Governor Ray Rome inducts third vice president, Joe Jackson, and Peggy Vylie and Ralph (Bob) Hanson, second and first vice presidents.



New board members assume duties: from left, Robert Valigosky, Jamie Valigosky, Dennis Dowell, Ginger Jackson and Lola Mullinix.



District Governor Rome instructs Joel Bourgeois in the duties she assumes as club treasurer.



The District Governor Rome officiates as a former president, Howard Peters, accepts duties as the new secretary.



Guest speaker, former District Governor Jim Schrock of Picayune, outgoing president Conrad Bourgeois and guest Robert Dardar from the Hancock County Lions Club, compare notes.



From left, Jamie Valigosky, Robert Valigosky, Elizabeth Ackerman and son Tom were in attendance at the installation banquet.

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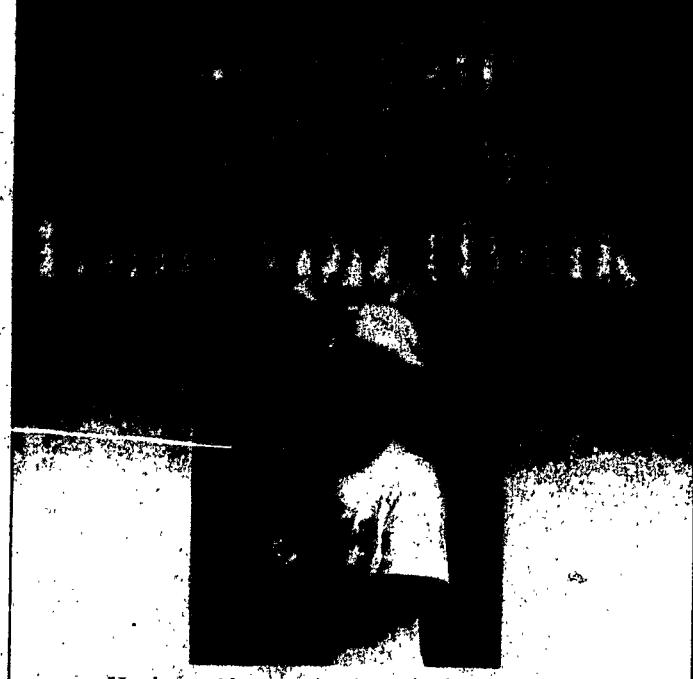
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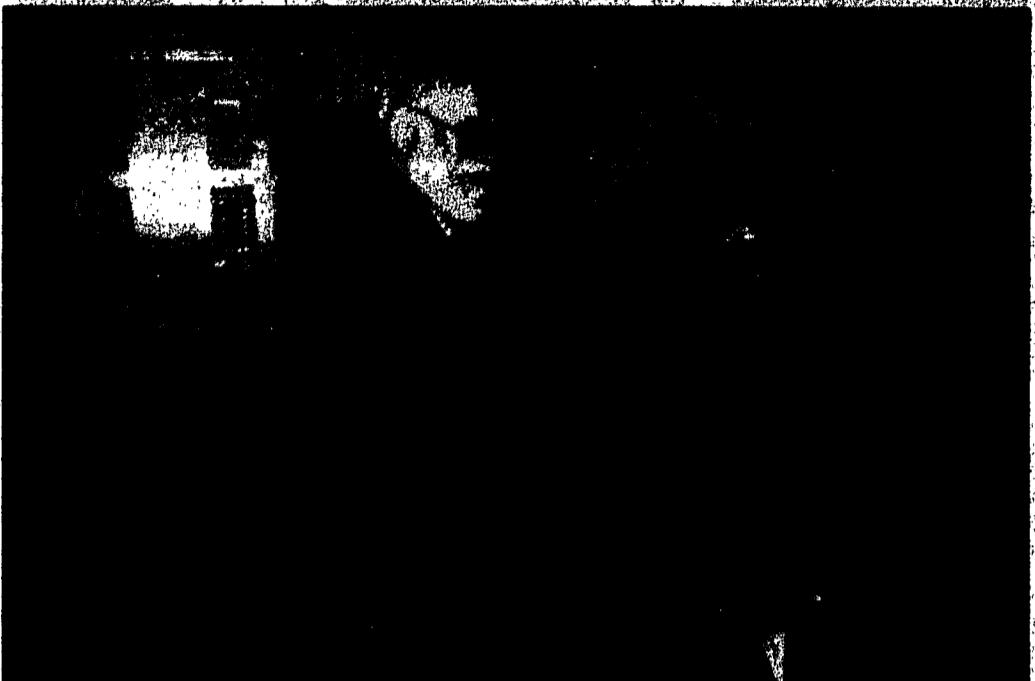
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# COMMUNITY

## Diamondhead Lions install new officers



Some of those in attendance at the installation were from left clockwise, Joe Jackson, Phyllis Dowell, Dennis Dowell, Johnie Pearson, Jo-Del Beckham, Jim Beckham and Greg Perry.



Gavel emblematic of her new office is passed from 1986-87 president Conrad Bourgeois to newly elected President Betty Peters.



District Governor Ray Rome inducts third vice president, Joe Jackson, and Peggy Vylie and Ralph (Bob) Hanson, second and first vice presidents.



New board members assume duties: from left, Robert Valigosky, Jamie Valigosky, Dennis Dowell, Ginger Jackson and Lois Mullinix.



District Governor Rome instructs Joel Bourgeois in the duties she assumes as club treasurer.



The District Governor Rome officiates as a former president, Howard Peters, accepts duties as the new secretary.



Guest speaker, former District Governor Jim Schrock of Picayune, outgoing president Conrad Bourgeois and guest Robert Dardar from the Hancock County Lions Club, compare notes.



From left, Jamie Valigosky, Robert Valigosky, Elizabeth Ackerman and son Tom were in attendance at the installation banquet.

## Pilot project offers free service to 100 school food operations

Are you having trouble with the school lunch menu — the one that's supposed to persuade children to eat healthy?

Forget your worries, say National Food Service Management Institute professionals at the University of Mississippi. A new, free NFSMI service will deliver on-site technical assistance to school food-service operations nationwide.

Tagged the Hand-On Team for Healthy School Meals, the program supports the implementation of the nutrition goals of the School Meals Initiative for Healthy Children. It is a joint effort between the U.S. Department of Agriculture/Food and Consumer Service (FCS) and NFSMI, which was founded by USDA in 1990 at Ole Miss to serve as a catalyst for the continuous improvement of Child Nutrition Programs and services that promote healthy eating behaviors in children.

For the Hands-On Team pilot project beginning in fall 1997, approximately 100 sites will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. NFSMI staff and a team of trained professionals will visit participating schools and provide technical assistance in all aspects of menu planning.

The program targets the menu planner in local school districts, and any school district is eligible to apply for the service. State agencies are encouraged to identify local school food authorities who would particularly benefit from a Hands-On Team visit, said Dr. Beth King, NFSMI coordinator.

Nutrition standards for the

National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs were established in 1994 with the Healthy Meals for Americans Act. In order to meet the nutrition standards, schools can either choose from three different menu planning systems provided in the act or use "any reasonable" means of compliance.

While USDA/FCS has provided training to state agencies nationwide, and they in turn have trained local agencies, there remains a need for assistance at the local level.

"Local school food authorities may feel insecure about performing the nutrient analysis, planning menus according to the chosen menu planning option or a variety of other concerns related to menu planning and meeting the nutrition goals of healthy school meals," said King.

Consultants will provide help in writing menus, promoting the use of standardized recipes, organizing recipes and entering them into the computer, conducting a nutrient analysis of recipes, writing bid specifications for purchasing, and setting up contracts. They also will assist schools by providing guidance on promoting appropriate menus to school boards and other school decision makers, providing merchandising ideas, suggesting equipment and meeting other needs of schools as they relate to the School Meals Initiative.

School food service personnel interested in this service should contact their state director of Child Nutrition Programs or call NFSMI at 1-800-321-3054.

## WEEKLY SCHOOL MEALS

### Summer Food Program

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Wednesday — Fruit Juice, Cereal, Buttered Toast.  
Thursday — Fruit Juice, Donut.  
Friday — No Meals Served.

LUNCH  
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Monday — Pepperoni Pizza, Baked Beans, Garden Salad, Watermelon, Fudgecicle.  
Tuesday — Hamburger, Stack of Trimmings, Tater Tot, Frozen Juice Bar.  
Wednesday — Hot Dog with Chili, Potato Chips, Vegetable Sticks with Dip, Chilled Pineapple, Ice Cream Sandwich.  
Thursday — Turkey Sub, Stack of Trimmings, French Fries, Peanut Butter Chews, Strawberry Appleause.  
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Menus subject to change without notice.

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### Scout honored

Natalie R. Fields, daughter of Lawrence and Betty Fields, has been selected to attend Canoe Country Rendezvous, a wider opportunity sponsored by Northern Lakes Girl Scout Council in northern Minnesota this summer. A wider opportunity brings Girl Scouts from all over the United States to experience unique adventures, ranging from wilderness expeditions to state history to science and art. Fields will join 36 girls from throughout the United States as they experience the challenge of a wilderness canoe trip in the Boundary Waters between northern Minnesota and Canada. On their canoe trip, they will see ancient Indian pictographs and have the opportunity to travel through a land that time has forgotten. At the end of the trip they will gather for a Voyageur Rendezvous and will spin tall tales, partake in historical Voyageur games, dance, eat Voyageur food and race their canoes. Fields was chosen from among 129 applicants. She was chosen because of her flexibility, ability to live in small groups and take initiative.

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Smith honored

Mary E. Smith of Bay St. Louis, center, was the recipient of Pearl River Community College's 1997 Best Actress Award for PRCC's spring play at the recent Awards Day ceremonies in Moody Auditorium. Making the award presentation was PRCC drama instructor Chris Wooten, left. Jeremy Hepler of Carriere received the spring's Best Actor Award.

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**CLUBS, A.U.T.H.****Senior Citizens Center**

Located on the corner of Bookter and St. Frances streets, the center serves Hancock County citizens 60 plus years of age. Under the Hancock County Human Resource Agency, the center provides classes in art, ceramics, framing, counted cross-stitch, crocheting, plastic canvas, shirt decoupage, quilting and sewing.

There is also information and referral, counseling, entertainment and recreational field trips and health care services. Transportation is provided through a contract with Coast Transit Authority to the center or to the local doctor, grocery store, bill paying, etc.

The center has a contract to provide frozen home delivered meals to 50 homebound seniors each week and serves 20 hot meals at the center four days a week under a statewide food contract with Valley Foods. In addition, a potluck lunch is served on Friday prepared by the staff. A morning snack is provided with donations from local clubs, churches and individuals.

AAA contracts with Lifeline for one full-time homemaker for ab-

out two hours per week for needy seniors to do light housekeeping or errands for them.

For information, call the center at 467-9292 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly****KILN**

TOPS MS 231 Kiln met Monday, June 23 at the District 4 Community Center. Club members discussed low-fat recipes. Mary was the week's best loser.

TOPS MS 231 meets every Monday at the District 4 Community Center, Hwy. 43, Kiln. Weigh-ins are 4:45-5:15 p.m. with the meeting following. The chapter encourages anyone desiring to lose and maintain weight to visit and join their TOPS chapter. For information, call Helen at 255-7658.

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly****WAVELAND**

TOPS MS 233 Waveland met Tuesday, June 24 at the Waveland Public Library. Susan was the week's best losers with 3½ pounds. Kathy was the week's best KOPS loser.

Susan earned a ribbon for walking 25 miles. There were 22 members present. Linda presented a program on "Why Diets Fail."

TOPS MS 233 meets every Tuesday. Weigh-ins are from 5:45 p.m. with the meeting immediately following weigh-in.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Ruth at 466-9880.

**Amateur ballroom dance**

The United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association (USABDA) will hold a dance at the Bayou Bernard Ballroom in Gulfport July 5, 7-11 p.m.

All ages are welcome, singles as well as couples. The dance will begin with a one-hour lesson which will include both beginning and intermediate instruction.

Three hours of general dancing will follow with some mixer dances to include those who come without partners.

Admission is \$3 for member

and \$5 for non-members. Any one who joins USABDA at the dance is admitted free. Jacket and tie requested.

The board members of the Gulf Coast USABDA chapter were elected at the last dance. Officers will be announced at the dance. USABDA is a non-profit organization with a purpose of promoting ballroom dancing.

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**MAEOP hosts annual conference**

The Mississippi Association of Educational Office Professionals (MAEOP) will host its annual conference July 31-Aug. 2 at the Treasure Bay Resort Hotel and Casino, Biloxi.

Opening session keynote speaker will be Dr. Horace Weldon Fleming Jr., president of the University of Southern Mississippi.

The membership recognition luncheon keynote speaker will be Elizabeth A. Sexson, CEOE, president-elect NAEOP, and the awards luncheon keynote speaker is Dr. Arthur Southerland, professor and chair, Department of Educational Leadership/Research, University of Southern Mississippi.

Workshop speakers and topics include:

Planning for Success: Patricia Huggins, director of Special Projects and Protocol, Univer-

sity of Mississippi:

Desktop Publishing: Dr. Debra Posey, assistant dean of the Jackson State University School of Business.

State Department of Education Update: Charles L. Shivers, CPA, director of the Office of School Support, Mississippi Department of Education.

Healthy Meals for the Busy Office Professional: Chef Bill Hahne, CEC

Professional Standards Program: Mary Butler, CEOE, MAEOP past president and current MAEOP PSP chairman

Raise Your Wellness Grade: Anne Grayson, administrative assistant/consultant with School Services Inc.

Orchestrating Your Future: Keys to Career Success: Elizabeth Sexson, CEOE, president-elect of NAEOP

**WEDDINGS****D'Aluisio-Ladner**

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D'Aluisio III

Renee Ladner and Joseph D'Aluisio III were united in marriage June 14 in an afternoon ceremony at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

The bride is the daughter of Collette Ladner of Bay St. Louis. A graduate of Bay High School, she earned a BA degree in psychology at Mississippi State University in 1994 and received a master of science degree in counselor education at Mississippi State University in 1996. She is employed as a school counselor in the Greenville Public School District, Greenville, Miss.

The groom's parents are Kathleen and Joseph D'Aluisio of Gulfport. He is a Harrison Central High School graduate and received a BS degree in apparel/textile merchandising from Mississippi State University in 1995. He is a surface designer with U.S. Axminster Carpet Company.

The couple honeymooned in Europe.

**Pass Library to close**

The Pass Christian Library will be closed the morning of June 30 for the installation of a new public service desk.

The library will reopen at 1 p.m.

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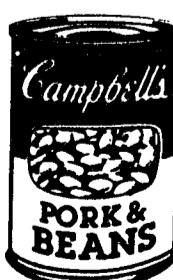
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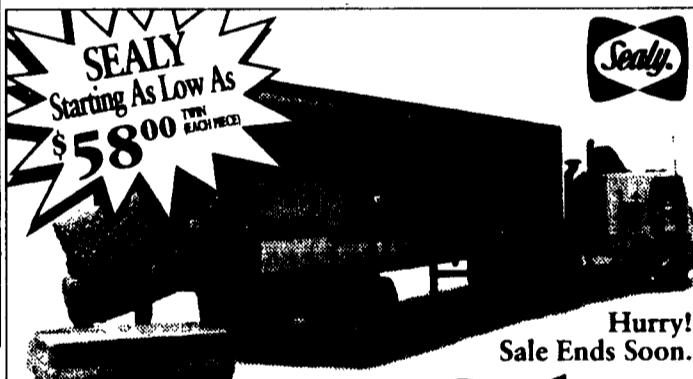
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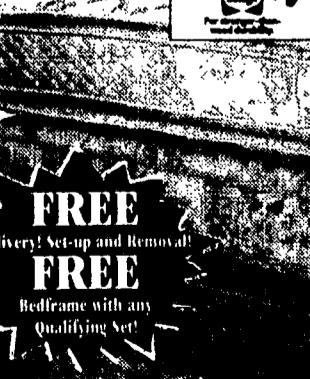
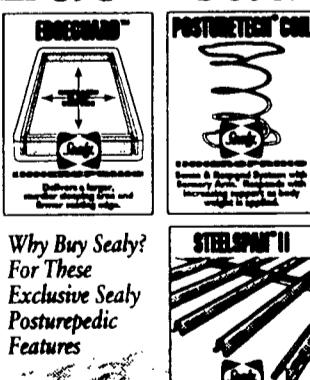
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## Freedom with a price

dom. Yes, they will see "a new earth, in which righteousness dwelleth" (2 Peter 3:13), where "there shall no longer be any death; they shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain" (Revelation 21:4).

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### Special to the Echo

The St. Rose de Lima 71st Annual Fair gets underway this coming weekend with three days of activities on the grounds across the street from the church on Necaise Avenue in Bay St. Louis. The fair begins Friday, July 4 and runs through Sunday, July 6.

Softball games, a horseshoe throwing tournament, a silent auction and horseback rides have been added to the list of many fun-filled activities.

performing on stage. Sunday evening at 8. A fashion extravaganza is planned for Saturday at 10 p.m. in the Rose Room.

The community is invited to come and join in the fun. Raffle tickets for the \$1,500 drawing or the plants and grocery raffle may be purchased after masses or by calling the St. Rose de Lima Parish office at 467-7347.

Maurice Singleton Jr. serves as the fair's general chairman.

### FAIR SCHEDULE

**Friday, July 4**

5 p.m.: Fair opens with booths, po-boys, horseback rides (four hours) and 8 p.m.: Rose Room

**Saturday, July 5**

11 a.m.: Seafood dinners, beverage concessions, barbecue outside

Noon: Horseshoe throwing tournament

3 p.m.: Softball game

5 p.m.: Horseback rides (four hours)

5:30 p.m.: Booths open, and 8 p.m.: Rose Room

**Sunday, July 6**

11 a.m.: Dinners

1 p.m.: Two softball games

5:30 p.m.: Booths open

8 p.m.: Rose Room opens, and 10:30 p.m.: Raffle

**HANCOCK FAIR** - 100% of the proceeds from the fair will go to the Hancock County Fair Fund.

## Methodist Bible School set

Vacation Bible School will be held July 7 through July 11 at Main Street United Methodist Church, 142 Main St., Bay St. Louis.

Gay Spell, Bible School director said, "The hours are 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday for ages 3 to 12 years old."

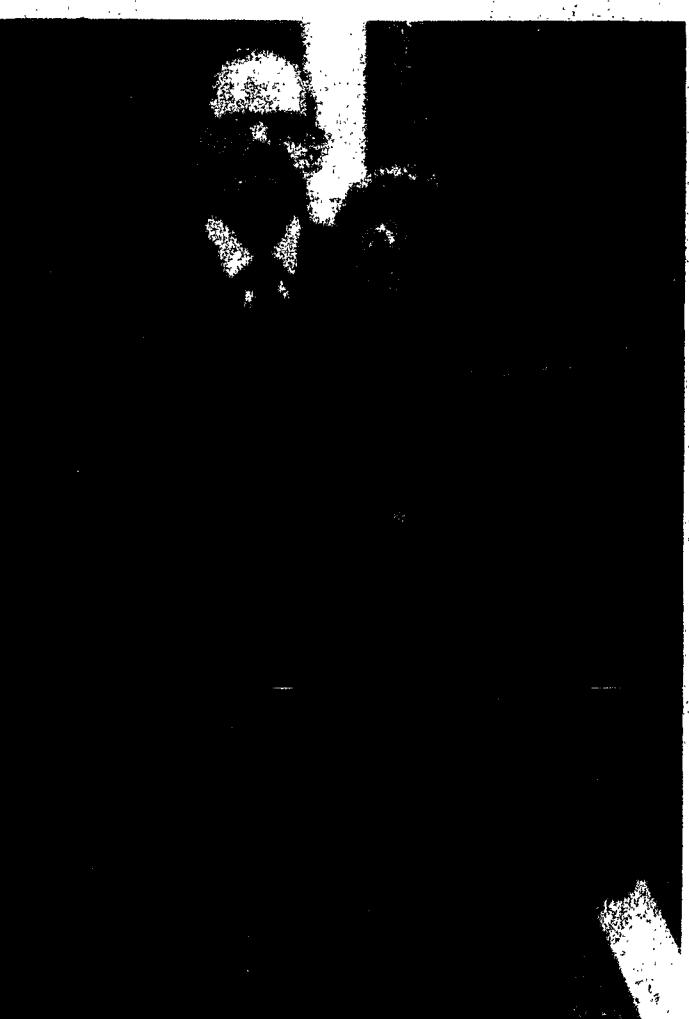
"This year there will be a special class for three- and four-

year-olds," Spell added.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, July 7, Spell said.

All youth of the community are invited and urged to come, Van Carpenter, pastor said.

For further information contact Spell at 467-4795, or the church office, 467-4538.



## To celebrate 50th anniversary

Hyman and Norma Sterling of Shoreline Park will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 5. The residents of Hancock County for the past 34 years were married at Magnolia Mississippi. Mr. Sterling is a native of Amite County, and Mrs. Sterling is a native of Pike County, Miss. The couple has seven children, four sons, Norman Sterling, Kenner, La.; Larry Sterling, Waveland; Garry Sterling, LaRango, La.; and Jim Sterling, Pontchatoula; three daughters, Peggy Smith, Tickfaw, La.; Judy Gasbar, Albion, La.; and Myra Timberley, Biloxi; 20 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mr. Sterling was a painting contractor. Family and friends plan an anniversary party July 5 for the couple.

## Contest personality contest

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ing at door. Door prizes, food  
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cations, call Our Lady of the  
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## Brett Favre featured in new football trading cards

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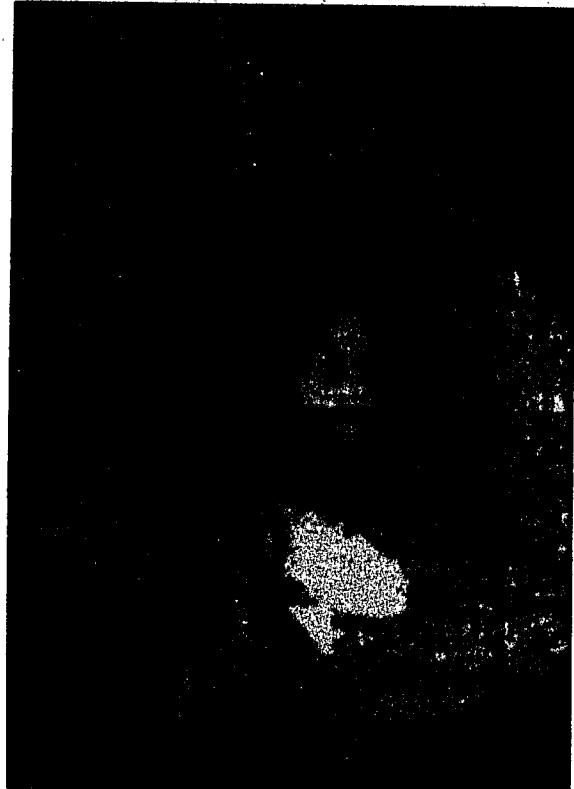
The 200 card set features an action shot of the player with a map of his hometown serving as the background, while the back features interesting facts regarding the player's hometown and their pre-collegiate years. Twenty-four (24) of the hottest 1997 draft choices are included in the 200 player set.

Another unique aspect of this hobby-exclusive product, is a PLAY-OFF Pennant in every box. These oversized pennant-shaped cards (3 1/2" x 5"), printed on felt-like material, owe their inclusion in these boxes to the enormously successful mini-pennants which debuted in 1996 Contenders. Collectors will be even more excited that some of the pennants feature authentic autographs from Kordell Stewart, Eddie George, Terry Glenn, Karim Abdul-Jabbar, Terry Allen, Tim Brown, Mike Al-stott and Napoleon Kaufman. These autographed pennants will be randomly inserted in boxes of Absolute.

The cards will be available locally at Home Plate Collectables, 632 Highway 90, Waveland. "PLAYOFF Absolute is a popular brand and usually sell very quickly," owner Gilda Tackett said. Cost is \$4.19 per pack or \$100 per box of 24 packs.

PLAYOFF Corp., which manufactures and markets collectible trading cards and collectible card games, has grown to become one of the most respected and sought-after imprints in the industry.

The company is best known for its PLAYOFF brand, which is licensed by the National Football League Properties, Inc.,



National Football League Players Incorporated and the NFL Quarterback Club to produce football player trading cards.

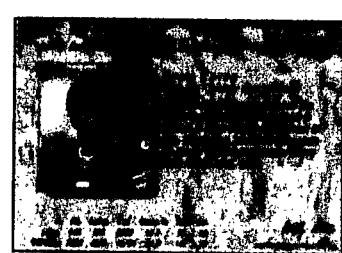
The 1994 PLAYOFF "Contenders" cards were named "Best Football Card of the Year" by Sports Collectors Digest. In 1995, the company's football product, and subsequent insert cards, are among the hottest in the industry.

Since its founding in 1992, the company has produced a wide array of licensed entertainment trading cards under the CARDZ brand. Some of the world's best known entertainment properties have been featured by the company, including "Tiny Toons" from Warner Brothers, "The MASK" from New Line Cinema, "World Championship Wrestling" from Turner Home Entertainment and many others.

Recently, the company has entered the super-charged, collectible card game industry. The company's first product, Hyborian Gates began shipping July 1995. PLAYOFF introduced a "fantasy" hockey card game, One-on-One Hockey Challenge, on December 12, 1995. The game is licensed by the National Hockey League Enterprises and the National Hockey League Players

Association and has been developed to let collectors and fans experience for themselves the strategy, excitement and tremendous speed of a real hockey game. The One-on-One Hockey Challenge card game is PLAYOFF's first entry into the hockey category.

PLAYOFF products are sold throughout North America and in many international markets. The company is located near Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport in Grand Prairie, Texas.



### Skynyrd tickets two for one today only

Lynyrd Skynyrd will perform at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Friday, July 4 at 7 p.m. General admission tickets, \$22 each, are on sale now. Buy your Lynyrd Skynyrd tickets today, June 29, and get two for the price of one. Offer good today only at the Coliseum Box Office and all TicketMaster locations, or charge by phone at 1-800-4888-5252.

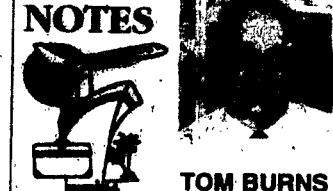
Rock legends Lynyrd Skynyrd are touring to promote their new album "Twenty." The tour and album are a tribute to, and coincide with, the 20th anniversary of the tragic plane crash that claimed the lives of Ronnie Van Zant, Steve Gaines, Cassie Gaines and Dean Kilpatrick.

The band features original members Gary Rossington, Billy Powell and Leon Wilkeson with Ricky Medlocke from Blackfoot, Outlaws guitarist Hugie Thomas, Dale Kranz-Rossington, Owen Hale and vocals by Johnny Van Zant. The lineup will show Lynyrd Skynyrd in its strongest and truest to traditional form ever.

A new album on CMC Records distributed by BMG just released to radio features the single, "Traqveling Man," with vocals by both Ronnie and Johnny Van Zant. The CMC advertising campaign includes music videos with both present lineup and original members. VH1 Music Channel is currently airing Freebird, The Movie for multiple showings this month.

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## Tourism campaign getting results

The Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau reports on a successful summer promotional campaign, "The Hunt."

The primary purpose of this

campaign is to entice Interstate 10 travelers and potential repeat visitors out of Louisiana to learn about and then experience Hancock County's attractions and unique amenities. Six

weeks into the three-month promotion has produced over 3,000 registered safaris into Hancock County.

Starting at the Mississippi State Welcome Center, I-10 East Exit 2, visitors become registered "hunters" at a special "Safari Hut" display.

The "hunter" receives a special map and a "Safari Passport" designating five specific "Hunting Grounds" within the county to visit and have their "Safari Passport" stamped by participating "guides."

After their "hunt" is complete, the "hunter" drops the pre-addressed "Safari Pass-

port" into the mail. The passport will be received by the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau's office and on Sept. 8. The passports with five or more different "hunting ground" stamps go into a drawing for the grand prize, a Jeep Wrangler.

This promotion started May 9 (National Tourism Week) and will run through Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1. The "Hunt" is introducing NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center, Old Town Bay St. Louis, Diamondhead, Casino Magic Resort and Buccaneer State Park.

### St. Paul's announces annual Seafood Festival

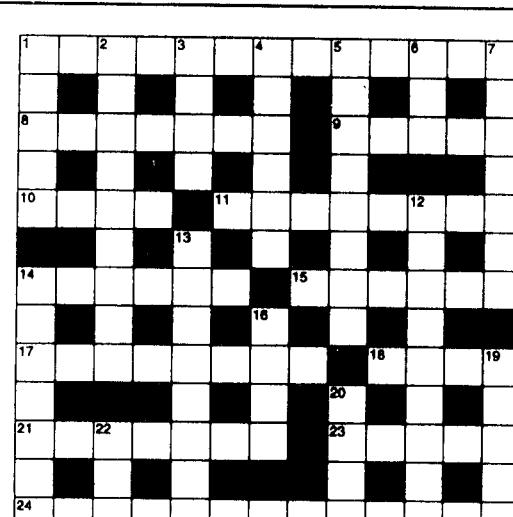
Mark your calendars now for one of south Mississippi's most anticipated events of the summer — the St. Paul's Seafood Festival in Pass Christian. The annual festival has been scheduled for July 18-20 on the grounds of St. Paul Catholic Church.

The festival features a wide variety of fresh seafood favorites, including crab-stuffed potatoes, a favorite among locals and tourists alike. Another popular attraction is the return of "Dr. Rock and the Interns," who will headline the entertainment Saturday evening. Several other entertainers are scheduled, including a visit by "Elvis" on Friday evening.

Other features include a 5K

run and 1 mile fun run Saturday morning, performances by magician Lee Allen, craft booths showcasing handmade items, carnival rides and more.

For information on the seafood festival, call 452-4686.



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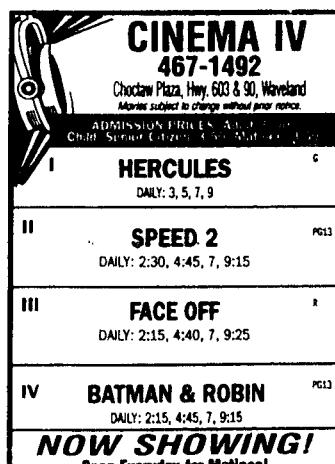
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# Kiln fastest growing area in the county

BY BETSY GAGNET

If you listen closely, you can almost hear the growth going on in Kiln and the surrounding areas.

What you hear are hammers banging and saws whirling as the fastest growing part of Hancock County tries desperately to keep up with a population rise.

"Kiln is not like Kiln used to be, it's just growing so much," said Billie Lyons of Lyons Insurance Agency, and area native. "You used to know everybody and now you don't know three-fourths of them."

Lyons said she, like most people are delighted with the growth the small town is experiencing.

"The majority of the people are excited about the growth," she said. "I think most people want to see it grow."

Kiln was put on the national map last January when native son Brett Favre led the Green Bay Packers to a Super Bowl victory in New Orleans.

Business owners delighted in the boom to business, quickly ordering souvenirs to satisfy the fans.

Even without the Super Bowl, the Kiln area was attracting attention from people looking for a place to settle in.

New subdivisions are springing up all over the central and northern part of the county.

"There are so many new homes being built up here," said Lyons. "Anywher you go you see houses (being built)."

New businesses have begun to appear up and down Highway 603. Weekends see crowds of people gathered at local restaurants.



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## Super Bowl fever

Favremania gripped Kiln during Super Bowl week when native son Brett Favre led the Green Backs to the NFL title. Thousands of Wisconsin "cheeseheads" flocked to Favre's hometown. This permanent sign, and several temporary signs were erected.

A new post office is scheduled to open this summer and the Hancock County Library System recently received authorization to apply for grant funding on the construction of a new library for the area.

Coast Electric is investigating the possibility of locating a service center in the area.

The company has an option on 30 acres near the junction of Hwy 603 and 43.

Voters recently approved a \$20 million bond issue by the Hancock County School District for the construction of two new schools and renovation to several existing ones.

A study done prior to the bond issue identified the Kiln area as the fastest growing area.

"Firetower Road down toward the Interstate (showed the most growth)," according to Hancock County School Superintendent Terry Randolph. "That's not to say there is not growth north of that, but right now the study is showing that area."

A new elementary school will be located on Kiln-Delisle Road within the Kiln fire and water district, according to Lyons who serves on the Hancock County School Board.

Plans call for a new middle school to be located in close proximity of Hancock High School.

Lyons said the growth is reflected not only in the amount of new construction, both private and commercial, but in the increase of local business.

"Casinos have done a lot (for the area), but we're getting a lot of business not casino related," Lyons said. "People are wanting to move here because it's a great place to raise a family, and because of the land available."

Although land prices have increased over the last several years, Lyons said there is still land available for purchase.

What will all the changes bring to the small community?

Lyons for one is optimistic.

"In the county I think you are going to see more of a community involvement (from residents)," she said. "We're already seeing it, we saw it with the (school) bond issue."

## About the cover

The crossroads in Kiln is one of the busiest intersections in Hancock County. As the Kiln area continues to grow, activity at that intersection will only increase. Also pictured on the cover is the new Kiln Post Office, which is scheduled to be open this summer.

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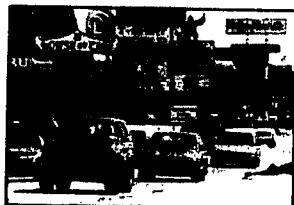
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## Bond approval secures public education future in county/cities

BY RICHARD MEEK

Public education received a much needed financial boost when voters last month approved \$29 million in bond issues for the Hancock County School District and the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District.

County voters gave the nod for a \$20 million bond; in the Bay-Waveland School District the amount was \$9 million. Superintendents from both districts agreed passage of the bonds was essential to assure that the districts will be able to meet the students' needs into the next century.

"It was very important for the bond issue to pass," County Superintendent Terry Randolph said. "We are fortunate and pleased that the people in the county recognized our need and voted for the bond issue. They could see what was happening around us."

New construction in both districts will eat up the bulk of the bond money. A middle and elementary school are planned in the county school district, and a new middle school in the Bay-Waveland district.

Plans are to build the county's new middle school near Hancock High School. Randolph said the building will be designed to accommodate at least 1,200 students, and possibly as many as 1,400.

The new elementary school, with a designed capacity of 650 that could expand to 800, is to be located on the Kiln-DeLisle Road between the Kiln crossroads and the Silver Creek area.

The two new schools should help the district's severe overcrowding dilemma, especially at Hancock North Central Elementary. Plans calls for office space and other areas of the aging school to be renovated to accommodate HNCE students in the fall.

However, Randolph said it appears the district will not be forced to use trailers as temporary classes at either HNCE or the high school.

"Trailers are expensive and depreciate at an accelerated rate," Randolph said. He added that the new schools should be completed in time for the opening of the 1998-2000 school year.

Other improvements include a new cafeteria at Gulfview Elementary, the installation of lights in parking areas, asbestos removal, renovation and improved drainage at all schools.

The county school district is the second fastest growing in the state, and Randolph said he expects that trend to continue.

"In the next two years, we'll probably have another 200 students (for the middle school)," he said.

The Bay-Waveland District plans to construct a new middle school near Bay High School. However, the scope of that project remains undetermined since the district is still negotiating with Casino Magic for the purchase of land on which to build the school.

If an agreement cannot be reached, the district has plans to build a two-story structure on existing land near the high school.

Estimates for construction costs range between \$5.5-6.5 million, depending on the type of building.

Superintendent Dr. Mike Reed said the bond will also allow the district to make repairs on existing building and to offer students several new courses.

"It was essential the bond pass," Reed said. "It should keep us well-established into the next century."

"It was a victory for the children of the district."

The new middle school is expected to be completed in the 1998-99 school year, Reed said.



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# Casino officials planning more 'Magic'

BY MARY G. SEILEY

There soon will be more "magic" at Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis than just the name, as a full theme-oriented program gets set into place. Names of eateries and the gift shop, for instance, will be changed to a magic-oriented operation: the Abbra Caddabra Buffet, Notions and Potions Gift Shop. When patrons enter the lobby area, they'll be treated to some illusions: things will pop out of nowhere, just to get you in a magic frame of mind.

But there's more change than that in store for the local casino, now the lone gaming hall in Hancock County. The company's plans, outlined by Joe Billheimer, call for significant construction and a stronger emphasis on community involvement.

Billheimer, Magic's Bay St. Louis general manager, said the company plans to turn its focus to building a hotel adjacent to the gaming facility as soon as construction is complete on a hotel next to the Magic's Biloxi casino. That 13-story hotel is well under construction and pilings for the Bay St. Louis hotel were put in the ground a couple of years ago.

With its new Arnold Palmer golf course open, the casino has added a Pro Shop and Clubhouse, along with a new restaurant.

The golf course has been "very well received," he said, adding that its popularity has generated a demand for more accommodations. The Magic's 201-room inn, he said, now is experiencing a mid-90 percent occupancy rate, thanks to golf package tours attracted to the site.

There's an increased demand for event accommodations as well, he said. Plans are laid out for an entertainment center on the west side of the gaming barge. That center will replace the Magic "Dome," a tent that now houses concerts and a variety of other events.

*"We're looking at it from the standpoint that this is a really tough area if you want to have a gathering of 300 to 400 people. . . Our tent's too big and there's not really anything else in the area that can accommodate that kind of function. . ." Casino Magic General Manager Joe Billheimer on the casino's planned entertainment complex*

Billheimer said the new facility will be a permanent structure, with a capacity of 2,500 to 3,000 people. By sectioning, the new building will be able to handle a 300-400 person event.

*"We're looking at it from the standpoint that this is a really tough area if you want to have a gathering of 300 to 400 people. Our tent's too big and there's not really anything else in the area that can accommodate that kind of function, unless you have it outdoors."*

Popularity of Magic's RV park may lead to expansion of that facility, he said, by about 100 slots. And Magic personnel are studying the possibility of opening a day care center for employees' children. That facility would be in conjunction with Camp Magic, an hourly-care service for casino patrons.

Billheimer said while day care children can't be mixed with hourly care children, plans are being made to abide by state regulations on that point. With employee enthusiasm for the day care facility high, Billheimer said the new facility may be opened sometime this summer. If space is available, the center may be opened to care for children of non-employees too.

The "destination resort" nature of Bay St. Louis' casino took on another dimension in the past year: fishing and pleasure charter boating.

*"We have full fishing and yachting charters available," he said. "We anticipated maybe one or two cruises a month. We're now running at almost capacity, five or six days a week. It's just going crazy," he said of the new boating business.*

While fishing charters are popular, "what we're predominantly booking are sunset cruises, small groups that just want to go out. The Intercoastal has probably some of the most beautiful scenery on the Gulf Coast that people don't know about."

Billheimer said the casino will continue with jet ski and pontoon boat rentals as well, and personnel are considering enhancements to the marine.

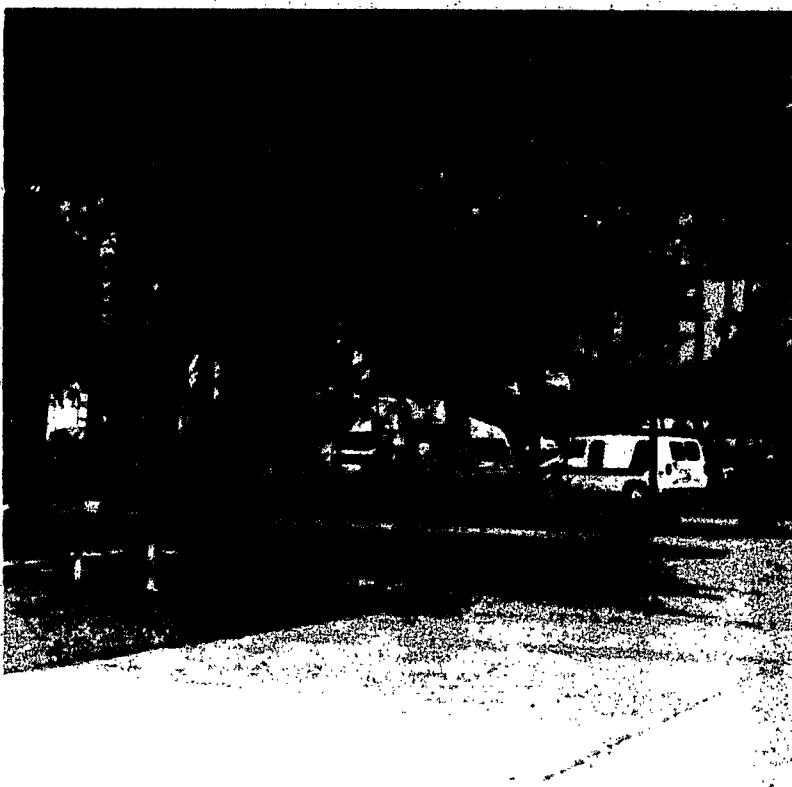
Aside from additional facilities, Billheimer said a major push is on-going to beautify Magic's acreage with plantings and grass. And he said plans to shift the casino's community involvement away from monetary donations to a multitude of organizations and causes, by encouraging Magic employees to volunteer in community matters. "Although we're a pretty big company here, we're always solicited for donations for everything. They just seem to think that money just flows out and it just seeps out the door."

Billheimer said the new thrust already is in motion. Magic employees recently helped restore a dilapidated dwelling, and they staged an extravaganza to help raise money for Hope Haven, a shelter for abused or neglected children. He said he's hopeful he can get other area businesses and industries heavily involved in similar projects.

While Casino Magic's Bay St. Louis facility has prospered, there have been some significant corporation developments over the past year.

*"This particular property is doing very, very well. Really well. And I think the other properties are holding their own as well," said Billheimer. The corporation has, in the past year, sold its casino interests in South Dakota, Greece and Argentina, raising capital for expansion or enhancement projects in Mississippi and Louisiana.*

In addition, the corporation retained an investment banking firm, Wasserstein Perella & Co. to help its board of directors explore the possibilities of a merger, joint venture, or "strategic alliance" with a third party to help complete development of the Gulf Coast casino properties.



## Magic park

The popularity of Casino Magic's RV park may lead to expansion of the facility, casino officials said. A day care for employees' children is also being discussed. (Echo staff photo by Mary G. Seiley)

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## Magic

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Meanwhile, the Magic became the solitary casino in Hancock county when, last summer, the Jubilation Casino at Lakeshore shuttered its doors. Much of the blame for failure of that facility is placed on the remote and difficult-to-reach casino site, at the southern end of Beach Boulevard.

Faced with declining revenues aboard a relatively small gaming boat, corporation officials said they would have to construct a variety of amenities to attract a solid base of patrons. When the operation slid into further financial instability, state officials suspended the casino's license to operate. Ultimately, the owners, Alpha Hospitality Corp., turned in the license for good and left the county.

One thing the Jubilation left behind, however, is a multitude of billboards and a massive sign that beckons motorists off Hwy. 90, down Lakeshore Road. That advertising is at least somewhat successful, says Billheimer, because gamblers frequently wind up at Casino Magic only after discovering that the advertised Jubilation is defunct.

"We're still getting customers... who have been there. They need to do something particularly with their sign. I think it still has 'Jackpots' on it."

While Casino Magic is the only gaming facility in place in Hancock County, there are elaborate plans for two more casinos on the Bay of St. Louis.

Casino World proposes two 60,000-square-foot casinos, a 450-room hotel and other amenities, such as a nine-hole golf course and a sports and entertainment complex.

The development would sit on a 404-acre tract accessed by the Diamondhead exit from I-10. Whilton Gaming Corp. is a proposed joint venture partner in the \$200 million development.

Circus Circus, meanwhile, wants to build a complex off the Kiln-DeLisle exit to the east. That proposed \$300 million complex would include a casino and a 1,400-room hotel.

In May, both projects got a major boost with approval of water quality permits from the State Commission on Environmental Quality. Both already have site approval from the state Gaming Commission.

"Who knows?" said Billheimer when asked if those developments likely will be constructed. "It's going to be a long process for them. It wouldn't be something to be considered about next year... There's too much stuff going on to know whether that's really going to go."



### Casino prospering

This particular property is doing very, very well... Although we're a pretty big company here, we're always solicited for donations... They just seem to think that money just flows out and seeps out the door..."Magic General Manager Joe Billheimer (Echo staff photo by Mary G. Seiley)

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# Apartments for elderly planned in Waveland

BY RICHARD MEEK

New jobs and the recruitment of a lucrative economic group will be the rewards of a planned apartment complex in Waveland designed to serve senior citizens.

Construction of the 52-unit Hogan's Landing is expected to begin later this summer. Citizens 55 years and older are eligible.

"With the addition of casinos, there was no place for senior citizens to live," said Waveland Alderman Tommy Longo, one of the project's driving forces. "I was looking for something to fill a need. One of the primary concerns of the elderly is a place to stay."

The complex will be located on 13 acres tucked away in a corner of the western edge of Waveland off of Hogan Street. Amenities include a clubhouse, on-site laundry, and an entertainment center.

On-site mitigation will provide a countrylike setting for the apartments. Each unit will be nestled among the trees on the grounds, and the site will also have a pond.

"It will be a nice complex and will fit into the area real nice," Longo said.

Project estimates run as high as \$2 million, and will create a still undetermined amount of jobs, as well as bring in more people to the area.

"Elderly people like to shop close to home and spend their money close to home," Longo said, adding that all of the needs of a senior citizen can be met in a five-mile radius of the development.

However, jobs and a positive economic impact are not the only benefits the project is creating for Waveland. Improved sewage disposal and a donation to the city's coffers are also the results of the project.

The city is loaning Coastal Properties Management of Pensacola, Fla., \$500,000 to help construct the project. The company will pay the loan back to the city at four percent interest over 20 years.

However, the city received the original \$500,000 to loan Coastal from a 100 percent state grant. The interest and the principal is for the city to keep.

Because of sewage disposal requirements for new construction, the city will be able to tie in areas of Waveland with no sewage system to the new system. Included in the project is the construction of a new lift station, that will allow the city provide a sewage system to previously unserviced areas.

"People said it couldn't be done," Longo said of the project. "You never know until you try. It's been a long time, and I still find it hard to believe."

"It will provide something good for the citizens of Waveland," Longo added. "We get to keep the grant and the interest off of the loan, and it will increase property and sales tax."

The developers will also construct water and gas lines, and use the city's utilities. Napier Management of Pensacola will manage the property.



**Apartment site**

This wooded site on Hogan Street will soon become the site of a 52-unit apartment complex for the elderly that will provide an economic boost for the city of Waveland. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)

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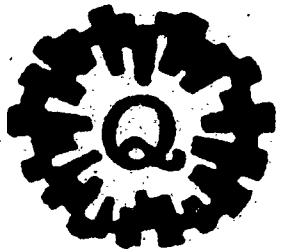
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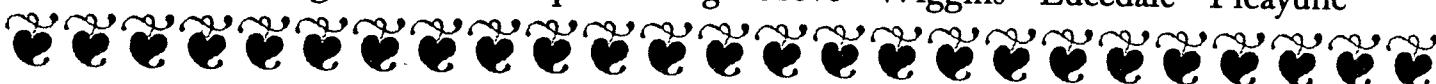
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# Supers plan projects to accomodate growth

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County supervisors are considering numerous projects to handle predicted growth over the next several years.

The Board took one giant step at the beginning of the year. Supervisors last January passed the first-ever Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance that planners say will once and for all control future growth in Hancock County.

The ordinance dictates residential and commercial areas, and sets aside portions of the county where future industrial growth is expected.

Hancock County is ranked the third fastest growing of 82 counties in the state and predictions are that the population will reach at least 80,000 by the year 2020.

Extending sewerage and upgrading county roads are a top priority of supervisors.

The Hancock County Wastewater District has filed for a \$6.5 million federal grant to extend sewerage into Bayside and Shoreline Parks and has taken initial steps to secure another \$1.9 million in state funds to provide a sewerage system to the Clermont Harbor area. If successful, the projects would add about 1,500 to the present sewerage system, doubling the size of the present customer base.

Most supervisors agree that extending sewerage is the key to future growth of the county, especially in flood plain areas south of Interstate 10, where septic tanks are failing and raw sewerage is being dumped daily into streams and ditches, eventually polluting the Bay of St. Louis.

At the beginning of the year, supervisors also advertised "an intent" to issue up to \$6 million in bonds to pave all roads in Hancock County. Surveys are underway to get exact estimates, but Board President Philip Moran said he hopes additional revenue from reappraisal of property will provide the funds for the mammoth undertaking without the Board having to raise property taxes.

One important project recently let is for widening, installing drainage and paving more than 1.5 miles of Texas Flat Road, the main artery leading from Hwy. 603 in the Kiln to the popular McLeod Water Park. The project has been on the drawing board for over a decade, and settlements had to be made with several property owners whose land had to be taken.

The improvements cost \$658,579 and will be financed entirely by state-aid funds.

Supervisors are also trying to get funds from the Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development to improve Lower Bay Road from Port Bienville to Hwy. 90 due to construction of the giant Wellman plastics/fiber plant coming out of the ground.

The \$313 million manufacturing plant has already pumped millions into the local economy, and employment related to construction is expected to top 1,000 shortly.

The expected growth in Hancock County has also forced supervisors to think about a new county courthouse. Last February, they appointed a 10-member committee to suggest sites, then they put a straw vote on an election ballot to gauge voters feelings.

The consensus was that new courthouse was needed, and recently the committee suggested locating a future courthouse somewhere north of Interstate 10, and building a complex large enough to accomodate all county courts and offices.

To relieve overcrowding of the courthouses in the meantime, supervisors reactivated the Public Improvement Corporation to float low-interest bonds to purchase a 100,000-square-foot-building off Hwy. 90 west of Dunbar.

Chancery Court and Justice Court are now housed in the facility, along with Civil Defense, the State Fire Marshal, the Food Pantry, and Rep. Gene Taylor's office.

Another still elusive site is where a badly needed Juvenile Detention Facility might be located. Architects recently looked at tearing down the old jail attached to the present historic courthouse in downtown Bay St. Louis, and gave cost estimates of \$1.4 million to house 14 juveniles. Four other sites might be considered.

Sheriff Ronnie Peterson has also asked supervisors to consider moving his vehicle maintenance activities from the north side of the jail, and enclosing it to house more prisoners for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. The additional revenue, estimated at up to \$125 a day for each prisoner, would be used to offset costs of operating the juvenile facility.

Settlements have also been made with property owners in the vicinity of the proposed new county marina on Pleasure Street in Bayou Caddy.

The \$1.1 million first-phase of construction will be financed mainly with Tidelands Funds, and calls for building a boat launch, 144 private boat slips, four commercial slips, piers and restrooms, and a Harbor Master's building. Site preparation and dredging is awaiting approval by the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

Plans for a county Livestock Arena are on hold, but supervisors are working to come up with a business plan that will shake loose \$655,000 in state fund for construction. The previous board purchased an 80-acre site off the Kiln-DeLisle Road for \$200,000 and it has been cleared.

Tourism, adult education and future industrial growth have also been addressed by supervisors.

Supervisors appropriated \$20,000 to help fund the first-ever evening adult education classes in Hancock County, and the first series of classes drew over 300 participants.

With supervisors' backing, the state legislature also approved legislation to levy a two percent tax on hotels, motels and break and breakfast establishments in the county. The proceeds are being used to fund a Tourism Development Bureau and an executive director that will work year-round to promote Hancock County's tourist attractions.

The legislature also passed another bill that tacks on \$5 to each misdemeanor offense in the two cities and the county. Proceeds from the tax will go toward paying operations of the Justice court system and \$2 will help fund costs of a juvenile detention facility.

Just recently, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and the National Conservancy asked supervisors to think about establishing a wetlands mitigation bank somewhere in the vast buffer zone surrounding the Stennis Space Center, similar to one already established in Jackson County.



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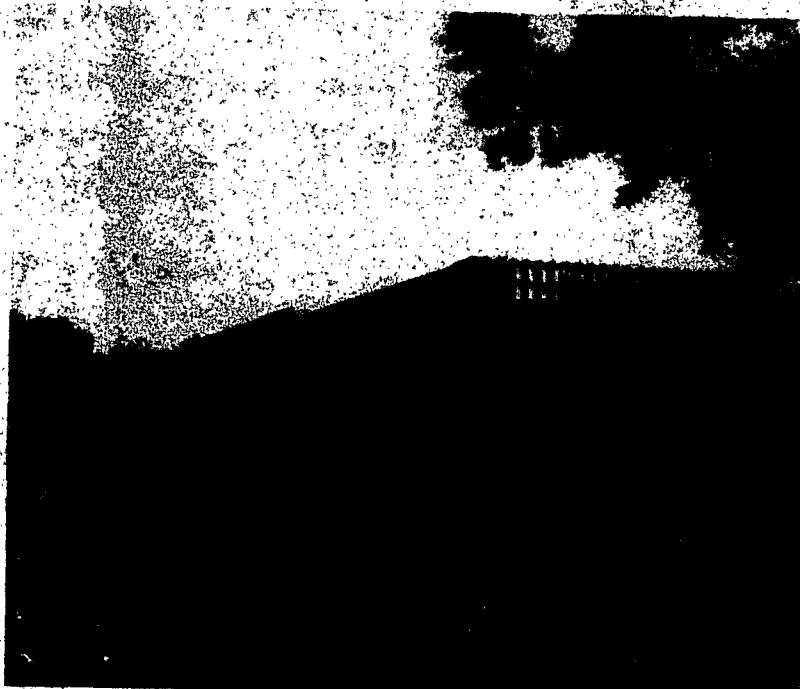
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# Casino may help growth in Diamondhead



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BY MARY G. SKELLY

Almost everywhere, you can hear hammers and saws wielded by hard-hatted workers. They are, these days, as much a part of Diamondhead's landscape as the manicured lawns, the golf carts and the stately trees that grace the terrain.

Fifty dwellings are in the making currently, and it's expected a total of 150 will have been added to the resort community's stock by the close of the year.

And every year, the annual building rate is rising for the Hancock County community.

That kind of growth, however, is nothing compared to what will likely happen if one or two proposed casinos materialize nearby.

"If they should come here — if it should happen — you won't see growth here anymore. You'll see an explosion," says Jim LeDuc, general manager of the Diamondhead Property Owners Association.

LeDuc, who assumed his position in January, estimates each casino would employ 2,000 to 2,500 workers. Each casino workforce probably would include 500 employees who could afford to buy or build in the nearby diamondhead area, says LeDuc. "I could see a thousand homes being built," as a result of the casinos, he adds.

Even without a possible "explosion" in numbers, however, Diamondhead's steady growth already has wrought significant changes in the community's demographics.

"It used to be that most of the residents of Diamondhead were retirees or approaching retirement," he said. "now we're seeing a huge influx of younger families, purchasing homes in Diamondhead, still in a working environment... commuting to Slidell or New Orleans or Stennis. Casinos have brought in a lot of younger families."

That was evident just the other day when the POA held a sign-up for youth baseball. LeDuc says 188 children enrolled on the first day.

The younger faces make Diamondhead all the more like a bona fide city in itself. And it's a city that has a fresh coat of paint, among other changes LeDuc has seen to fruition.

Last year, a newly-elected POA board of directors fired its general manager and hired LeDuc. The former general manager sued the POA and the POA countersued. The court action is pending, but the controversy, says LeDuc has subsided substantially.

*"There's always going to be some controversy when you have 5,000 residents in a community, whether it's a small village or a town. . . But, by and large, things have settled down tremendously. . . If a planned casino in Diamondhead should come here, you won't see growth anymore. . . You'll see an explosion. . . I could see a thousand homes being built. . . Controlled growth is healthy. . . It can only benefit a community. . . Diamondhead POA General Manager Jim LeDuc*

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With about half the high-level management positions having changed hands, the new POA now has a new purchase order system, controls for supplies and accounting procedure in place, hopefully ensuring that the association gets the most it can for its money, said LeDuc.

Another major change of direction, he said, is a heavy emphasis on facility and grounds maintenance. All the association's buildings have been newly painted, and an engineering company is drawing plans to tackle some drainage problems.

"We will have that information shortly and will embark on drainage improvements throughout the community," said LeDuc.

Still, he said, the POA staff's goal is people-oriented. "I guess our focus is really on hiring the best people we can hire locally and train them and motivate them. The overall goal, he said, is to create an environment that is "second to none."

Meanwhile, the rubble from a spectacular fire that razed the Diamondhead Country Club is but a memory these days, as workers build a 23,000-square-foot replacement facility. That's 15 percent larger than the previous structure and comes at a cost of some \$2.5 million. It's expected to be complete in September or October.

With some 5,000 residents, Diamondhead contains over 6,000 lots that are owned by individuals, and boasts 2,156 homes and 524 condominiums. There's still room for the growth that's envisioned, however, with over 3,300 lots available for purchase.

If the current rate of building were to remain static, the community would be "built out" in some 22 years. But LeDuc expects it won't take that long, given the increasing rate of construction and the potential influx of casino-related residents.

"We welcome growth in a controlled environment," says LeDuc. Growth for growth's sake is not good, but controlled growth is healthy . . . it can only benefit a community."

Each lot that's sold to a new POA member generates dues that contribute to the costs of facility maintenance and new facilities, notes LeDuc.

Aside from extensive recreational facilities, Diamondhead residents are served by their own fire, water, sewer and security divisions.

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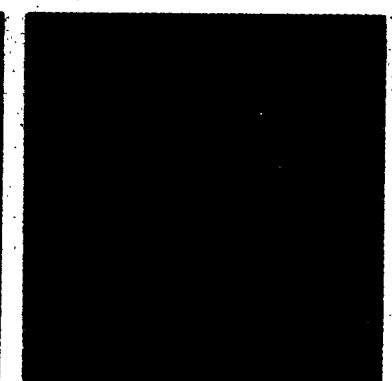
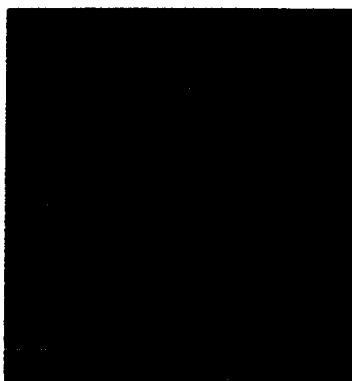
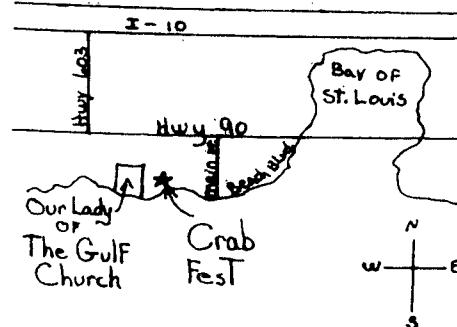
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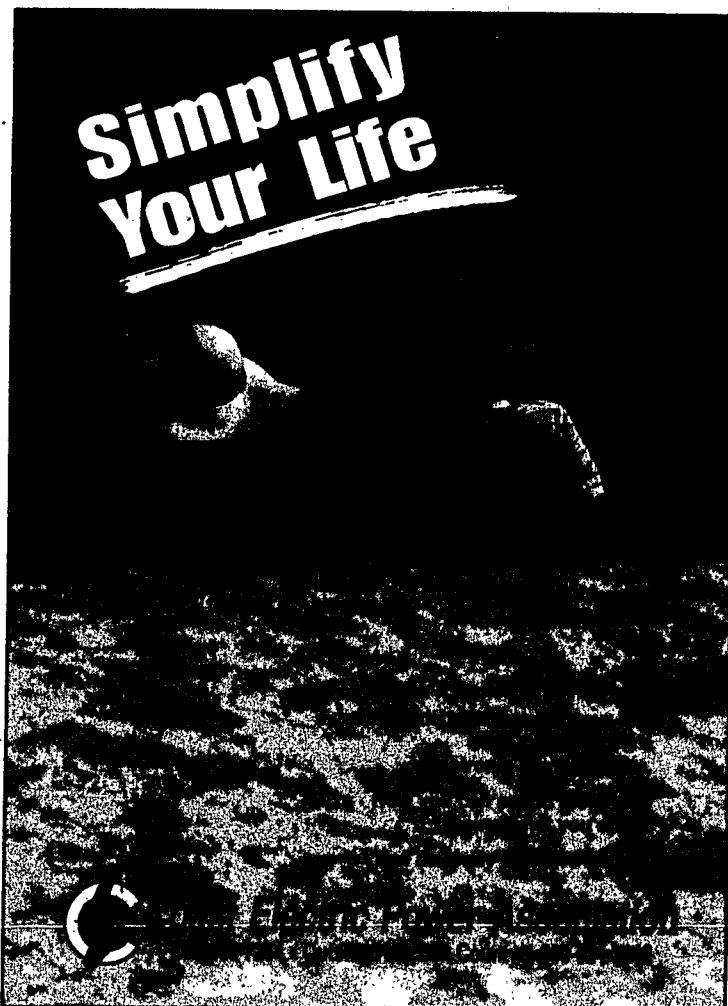


# Wellman pumps millions into economy



## Plant coming out of ground

The giant Wellman plant is beginning to take shape. Company officials said there are over 450 construction workers currently on site, and by year's end that total is expected to climb between 1,200-1,300. Mississippi firms have already received \$28 million in business from Wellman, much of that going to Hancock County firms. The first phase of the plant is expected to open in the fall of 1998, with two more lines scheduled to open months later. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)



BY ED LEPOMA

The sleeping giant known as Wellman Inc., of Mississippi is beginning to flex its muscle, and the impact is rippling through the local economy.

To date, project director, C.O (Pete) Woody reports that the giant plastics/fiber manufacturing complex coming out of the ground at Port Bienville has pumped more than \$28 million into Mississippi coffers.

And, Hancock County businesses, ranging from those who supply ice daily to the workforce to local firms supplying concrete and other products, are benefiting.

Woody reports there are now 450 construction workers on site, with a maximum of 1,200 to 1,300 to be hired by the end of this year.

For the most part, 75 percent of the workers on site are employees of Fluor Daniel Inc., of Greenville, S.C., which is the prime contractor for the first phase construction, expected to well exceed \$380 million.

"The other 25 percent are employed by sub-contractors," he added.

Woody reports construction crews are working 10-hour days, four days a week, "and the plant is coming along on time and on budget with a minimum amount of overtime."

In the event of work stoppage due to inclement weather, Woody says workers make up the hours by reporting on Fridays or on the weekend.

Woody says Wellman has transferred several personnel here from its Greenville operations, and there are now 26 aboard, with 10 to 12 having already relocated in the vicinity. Total staff projections are between 50 and 60, with most settling in the area within the next year, Woody said. He is having a house built in the Acadian Bay subdivision in Waveland, and said he hopes to have his family settled in by late July.

The 480-acre project site off Port Bienville Road is a beehive of activity.

"I expect a large spinoff business to locate at the park because of Wellman," Hancock Port & Harbor Deputy Director Bill Stovall said. "We've already some inquiries. Wellman is still early in its stages, and is a strong catalyst for the future of Port Bienville."

The main entrance to the Wellman Plant has already been paved, and work crews are busy clearing out access roads. The way is also being cleared for an additional seven miles of railroad track, which will bring supplies to the plant. Further down the road, Wellman is looking at its own waterfront site at Port Bienville, which will be cleared to allow supply barges to unload.

The main plant and supporting buildings will encompass about 100 acres, but the remaining tract will be developed over the next 10 years, and Wellman's total investment could exceed \$1 billion.

Wellman will manufacture polyethylene terephthalate, commonly known as PET or polyester resin. The product is used for soft drink bottles, syrup bottles and other containers.

The company is also the world's leading recycler of PET plastic bottles, which it utilizes with recycled post industrial materials, as raw materials in the production of some of its fibers. Probably, the most familiar goes under the brand name of Fortrel, which is used in carpets, clothes, sheets, pillowcases and towels.

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The main plant is already well out of the grounds, and Woody says the first solid state polymerization (SSP) unit, which produces the PET resin, is expected to come on line by October of 1998, the second by January of 1999 and the polyester fiber line by April of 1999.

When the plant comes to life in the fall of 1998, it is expected to employ 250 people, and have a production capacity of 550 million pounds of resin and 230 million pounds of fiber.

Construction is also well underway on the 100,000-square foot warehouse, which initially will be used to house the inventory and materials needed to build the plant. Professional Services of Pearlington was awarded the \$1.5 million contract, and Woody says the firm has located an office at Port Bienville.

"That's one of the rollovers that will help boost tenants at Port Bienville," said Woody. "During the construction process, we expect others to establish branch operations out here, and after start up, suppliers for the raw materials we need for manufacturing will also locate at the Port."

Gulf Concrete of Bay St. Louis is the primary supplier of construction concrete with a contract estimated to exceed \$2.1 million. The firm is already manufacturing concrete on the site.

The foundation is also being laid for the plant's administration building. Caruthers Construction of Water Valley, Miss., has been awarded a \$3.12 million contract for the administration building, a guard house and a training center.

Hancock County Bank also recently opened a branch within the grounds of Port Bienville, with two cashiers and an ATM machine on site.

Coast Electric recently announced it will be the main power supplier to the Wellman's Port Bienville Plant, and will build a new \$1.8 million substation to provide the plant with 28 megawatts of power.



### Overview of Wellman

An overview provides a view of the Wellman site at Port Bienville Industrial Park. In the foreground is the two-story administration building, which will house management personnel. In the upper right hand corner is the rail line which will hook into Port Bienville's rail near the park entrance. Large storage tanks are also pictured. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)

## Wellman

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Fencing is going up for the substation, and steel should be coming out of the ground at Port Bienville in July, according to company officials.

A report on spending supplied by Wellman shows businesses ranging from "mom and pop" operations to engineering, survey and local law firms in Hancock County benefiting from the project.

Compton Engineering, with offices here and in Pascagoula, is expected to reap at least \$581,600 for design work, and Cortech, Inc., of Diamondhead another \$222,220, as design consultants. Duke Levy and Associates of Waveland has earned \$78,882 to date for survey work.

PSI, Inc., of Bay St. Louis and Sydney Fournet of Diamondhead have also gotten business for surveys and testing.

Bailey Lumber and Home Center has supplied lumber and other building materials to the site and Wellman projects to spend over \$1 million with that firm.

Wellman also recently bought three pickup trucks from Charlie Henderson Ford, Inc., and more vehicles are expected to be purchased locally from other local dealerships.

Those are among the biggest benefactors, but the money is being spread around to smaller business.

For example, Murphy's Professional (temporary janitorial) Services is cleaning mobile offices at the site; Boudin's Waste and Recycling is picking up trash; Infinity Sign Graphics and Jolly Rogers Printing and Signs in Bay St. Louis have gotten some business from Wellman; and Fred's of Waveland is supplying tables, used mainly where workers eat in covered hangars at the site.

Gulf Coast Security is providing guard service, and the law firm of Favre, Genin is providing legal advice.

Other firms where supplies have been purchased locally include: Bailey Electric, Alpha, B&B Services, Market Industries, Bell South, Dixie Signs, Gulf South Urgent Care, Lightning Quick Signs, Lonnie's Locksmith Shop, Monti Electric Supply, Radio Shack/Webb Electronics, S&L Office Supplies and Southern Pipe & Supply Co.

The Holiday Inn at Waveland is also being used frequently as Wellman sends various employees here from mainly its Greenville, South Carolina operations.

Woody estimates spending within the local economy should top out at between \$40 million and \$50 million over the construction phase of the mammoth project.

With the construction phase quickening, supervisors are also turning to the Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development for monies to four-lane Lower Bay Road from the port to U.S. 90, and to improve Lakeshore Road.

The improvements would aid the heavy trucks going in and out of the site daily, and would help relieve congestion on the two roads by construction crews going to and from work each day.

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# SSC plays vital role in space program

One of America's most important space installations and high-tech research centers is located in Hancock County.

Stennis moved up in the ranks of the agency with its designation as NASA's lead center for rocket propulsion testing, giving it total responsibility for conducting and/or managing all NASA propulsion programs. This designation is part of NASA's continuing efforts to streamline and become more efficient by giving more management control and responsibility to the individual centers. The new role in rocket engine testing designation builds on SSC's role in engine and vehicle testing spanning 30 years. It was fitting, therefore, that SSC is playing a key role in several major space programs of the future, one of which is the Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV) program.

The RLV program is a joint NASA-industry partnership with the goal of developing a new generation of rockets that are expected to dramatically cut the cost of putting payloads into space. SSC will be conducting all engine testing for the X-33, a half-scale prototype of a single-stage-to-orbit RLV, and some composite tank testing, resulting in about \$30 million of development testing.

Another new propulsion program under way is the Low Cost Boost Technology Project. NASA engineers at SSC and at Marshall Space Flight Center are working together to use today's technology and common manufacturing methods to design a two-stage rocket that could lift 200 and 500 pounds of payload into low-Earth orbit. The new rocket would carry payloads such as imagers for Earth observation satellites.

The Commercial Remote Sensing Program (CRSP) also received growing responsibility in America's space program when it was named NASA's lead center for commercial remote sensing, a potential \$1 billion industry which uses data from satellites for commercial enterprises.

In addition to NASA, more than 30 other high-tech federal, state and contractor agencies are located on the almost 14,000-acre installation. The Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command at SSC provides oceanographic and meteorological information and services for defense forces worldwide. The Naval Oceanographic Office is home to the Navy's largest computer used for oceanographic prediction. Other programs conducted at SSC range from the Environmental Protection Agency's environmental studies to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Data Buoy Center programs.

## Free Bus Tours

Throughout the day, visitors can take free bus tours to the rocket test complex where the huge test stands tower high above the South Mississippi landscape. Visitors Center tour guides conduct educational lectures during the tours.

Educational lectures and videos are presented in the Visitors Center auditorium. Two gift shops sell space-related mementos, educational books and videos. An Educator Resource Center is also located in the Visitors Center featuring lesson plans, supplementary classroom material and visual aids to assist educators in teaching space

and other sciences as well as math. Education specialists are also available to assist teachers in incorporating technology into the classrooms.

## Current Activities and Coming Events

Currently on display through August of 1997 is a towering exhibit, from LEGO corporation, which will thrill children of all ages. Visitor will enter a new world of rocket

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Fuel tank testing

Workers at Stennis Space Center remove insulation from a multilobe fuel tank for the X-33 after testing.

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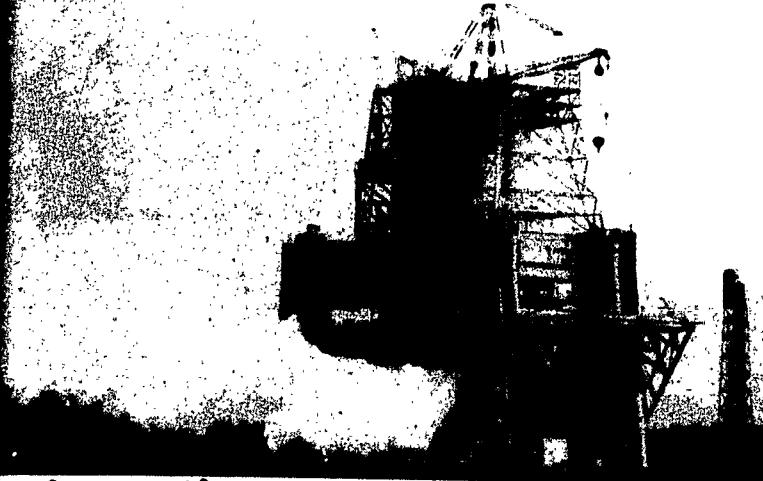
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Stennis Space Center flight certifies all of the main engines which power the Space shuttle into low-Earth orbit. Shown above on the B-1 stand is a static firing of the powerful Space Shuttle Main Engine. Stennis has been named NASA's lead center for rocket propulsion testing which gives the center the responsibility of conducting and managing all of NASA's propulsion testing activities.

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ps, astronauts and rocky lunar landscapes — all made entirely from LEGO building blocks. More than 3,500 hours have gone into the design, engineering and building the exhibit. "Travel in Space" teaches children about space travel from the Wright brothers to the race to the moon, to what future space travel may look like. Exciting displays and exhibits are planned for this summer which will capture the interest of visitors and offer additional hands-on educational experiences. An addition to double the size of the Visitors Center is also on the drawing boards. A new hands-on exhibit, coming in June, will give visitors a chance to launch a shuttle themselves. The exhibit known as the "Rocket Fuel Factory" uses electrolysis to separate hydrogen and oxygen from a tank of water. At the press of a button, power will be supplied to electrodes in two separate collection chambers. The separated propellants will ignite in a combustion chamber, launching a miniature Space Shuttle along a 20-foot rail to the Visitors Center ceiling.

Another addition to the Visitors Center is Space Believe, an interactive science learning center designed to stimulate interest in science and mathematics in children ages 7 through 12. Numerous new exhibits in the works are sure to awe and inspire young minds.

A new and exciting hands-on exhibit planned is a Learjet. This is an actual plane that will be on display where visitors can comb aboard and learn about remote sensing. Remote Sensing uses sensors that are either ground-based or mounted on aircraft and spacecraft to look at the Earth. Pictures or imagery acquired from these systems may be referenced to a coordinate system to produce current maps. Stennis personnel work with private industry to use this technology to improve the growth and harvesting of crops, to improve efforts to assess the environmental impact of oil and chemical spills, to protect the environment and to manage the Earth's natural resources.

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## SSC tours

Stennis Space Center tour guides make learning fun and fascinating for children at day care centers and in summer reading programs at local libraries in South Mississippi and St. Tammany Parish, La. Tour guides visited 17 libraries and reached 1,200 children last summer. Pictured above, a tour guide explains what astronauts need to live in space.

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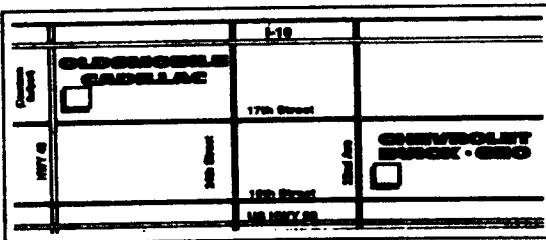
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# Construction at HMC underway for new women's pavilion; nursing unit expansion

The sights and sounds of a work in progress are apparent in all corners of Hancock Medical Center today. Steel beams reach skyward on a new women's and children's pavilion under construction on the northeast corner of the hospital campus.

Inside the existing facility, workmen are reconfiguring several offices and departments to provide more efficient use of space. An additional waiting room is under construction for the comfort of patients' families and friends.

Improvements continue to the north of the hospital, where an autoclave sterilizer unit will replace the current medical waste incinerator.

The activities are happening simultaneously and have not interfered with the day-to-day operation of the 66-bed medical center. Facilities services director Hank Wheeler oversees the whole process, ensuring that inconveniences are minor during the construction and renovation period.

## Women's/Children's Pavilion

Targeted for an early 1998 completion, the two-story pavilion and nursing unit expansion is one quarter complete, said Wheeler. The 49,000 sq. ft. project also includes the enlargement and renovation of the surgery unit, which will expand to encompass the area occupied by the current labor and delivery unit. A new waiting room is under construction adjacent to the area.

New HMC administrator Hal Leftwich said the pavilion will provide more patients with the option of private rooms. Four new labor/delivery/recovery suites will enhance the current maternity options, which include traditional operating suites and room-in capability for the mother who prefers to have her newborn near. A new 10-bassinet nursery is planned, as well as a spacious family waiting room.

Dedicated pediatric rooms in the new wing are designed to make a hospital experience more comfortable and less intimidating for young patients. Six additional beds will make up an intensive care stepdown unit.

## New services

Nuclear Medicine was added to Hancock Medical Center's radiology department last fall, increasing the facility's diagnostic capabilities. Patients requiring nuclear testing and treatment were previously transferred to other hospitals. The mobile Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) unit added another day of service locally, increasing its schedule to three times weekly.

A mobile lithotripsy unit recently began scheduling appointments on alternate Mondays. Lithotripsy is a safe and effective non-surgical treatment of kidney stones.

An increasing number of laparoscopy cases include gall bladder, arthroscopy and many gynecological applications. The number of outpatient procedures continues to climb, said Leftwich, including cataract surgery, colonoscopy, gastroscopy, breast biopsy and tonsillectomy. A new CO<sub>2</sub> laser has cosmetic applications including facial resurfacing.

A hospital-wide computer conversion enables the clinical staff to receive orders and results electronically. The conversion was implemented in several stages and involves ongoing staff training.

## Medical staff

The active medical staff has grown to 36 physicians, with a hospital-based staff of 15 in emergency medicine, anesthesiology and radiology. A consulting staff of more than 30 represents additional specialties, including gastroenterology, nephrology and others.

Two established physicians answered the demand for services by welcoming new partners during the last 12 months. General surgeon Joseph R. Lee, MD, introduced Brian Anthony, MD last July. Internal medicine specialist Irene Koskan, MD recently welcomed Nauman Siddiqi, MD. A fourth internal medicine physician will join the active staff in August. Another new addition to the active staff is cardiologist Lawrence Derbes, MD, a Diamondhead resident.

## Business & Education Complex

The 8,000 sq. ft. HMC Business and Education Complex was completed in January on the northeast side of the hospital campus. The building houses the accounting, business office and data processing departments, and features a spacious classroom available for use by the public for health-related topics.

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## HMC Foundation

The Hancock Medical Center Foundation is a 501(c)(3) corporation with a governing board of 12 community leaders. Foundation board members serve as ambassadors of the medical center, and conduct fund-raising activities to support various capital improvement projects. The second annual gala dinner dance "Moonlight on the Bay," netted more than \$18,000 in May. Funds will go toward construction of the new pavilion.

"Our steady growth as a health care provider has been made possible by increased community support," said Leftwich. "Our board of trustees and medical staff share a vision of excellence for Hancock Medical Center. We are committed to continuously improving our services and upgrading equipment to provide the best possible health care for our residents."

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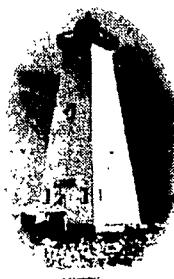
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# Old ammo plant attracting new tenants

BY ED LEPOMA

The largely underused Army Ammunition Plant at the Stennis Space Center has a new name and is attracting new tenants.

At the beginning of the year, Mason Technologies, which has been marketing the plant, entered into partnership with Philadelphia-based Binswanger Advisory Group, to step up the search for tenants. The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission is also in the forefront of the tenant search.

That partnership combined with strong Congressional support from Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott and U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor is laying the groundwork for rebirth of the mothballed plant.

For marketing purposes, the plant has been renamed the MiSAAP Industrial Complex, and Wayne Gouget, marketing manager for Mason Technologies, says the future looks bright.

Gouget estimates 40 percent of the usable space is now leased by 18 tenants, and over 400 people are now employed at MiSAAP. Gouget says, considering commitments to date, employment could grow to at least 900 and maybe more within the next 18 months.

*The most significant development was the recent announcement that the U.S. Navy will locate its consolidated southeastern personnel records office in one or two of the giant buildings at the ammo plant. . . In March, a unit of 85 Navy SEALS will leave New Orleans and relocate at the ammo plant. . . The move will require construction of a \$10.5 million facility*

Probably, the most significant development was the recent announcement that the U.S. Navy will locate its consolidated southeastern personnel records office in one or two of the giant buildings at the ammo plant. The Defense Department has allocated \$8 million for the move and the Navy will require 65,000 square feet of office space.

The consolidation will also bring about 230 high-paying civilian employees from a seven-state area into Hancock County, and the move is expected to be completed by June of 1998.

In March, Lott and Taylor announced, a unit of 85 Navy SEALS will leave New Orleans, and relocate at the ammo plant. The transfer will also bring in another 108 Navy reserve personnel into the area regularly for maneuvers.

The move will require construction of a \$10.5 million administration/boat storage

facility, and should result in at least 100 permanent jobs.

Another government-related expansion is completed at the ammo plant. The Ocean Projects Department of the Naval Oceanographics Office moved into a new 56,000-square-foot facility to conduct engineering services last March. The facility now employs 60, but predictions are the personnel force may grow to 100 in the near future.

Power Dynamics, Inc., one of the first commercial tenants at MiSAAP, has expanded its space by 6,000 square-feet, now occupying a total 33,000 square feet. The firm performs repair and distribution of hydraulics equipment, and plans to diversify into recreational products.

*The Defense Department is also looking at MiSAAP facilities to locate its space-based laser project. Sen. Trent Lott estimates the program would involve an expenditure of between \$300-500 million over a three- to five-year period, but over the course of its development, expenditures could top \$1.5 billion. The project would create about 700 highly skilled jobs.*

And, Mississippi Enterprise for Technology (MSET) has moved into its new 27,000 square-foot facility at MiSAAP. It is a technical incubator sponsored by the Navy, NASA and the state.

Presently, six businesses are in the original MET building at Stennis, and five are in the new facility. The 11 companies in incubators at Stennis employ about 55 people and have an annual estimated payroll of \$2.1 million.

MiSAAP is also in the running for several Defense Department contracts which would bring in more money and personnel to the area.

Lott and Taylor have announced that MiSAAP is in the running for a Defense Department contract the Army National Guard will let soon to upgrade the Dragon anti-tank missile.

The \$25 million contract would initially employ a work force of about 200.

The Defense Department is also looking at MiSAAP facilities to locate its space-based laser project. Huntsville, Ala., NASA's Cape Kennedy and Cape Canaveral in Florida are also in the running for the project, which could pump millions more into the economy and employ hundreds.

Lott estimates the program would involve an expenditure of between \$300 million and \$500 million over a three to five year period, but over the course of its development, expenditures could top \$1.5 billion. The project would create about 700 highly skilled jobs.

Smaller tenants have also located at MiSAAP. Western Trading Manufacturing Inc., occupies about 12,000 square feet at the plant, and the work force is expected to double from 15 to 30 employees. The firm manufactures flexible tanks for water, waste and diesel fuels, oil containment booms and berm liners, and has several military contracts.

Marketing specialists say during presentations to prospective tenants, they stress companies locating at MiSAAP will find affordable buildings and equipment, access to rail and interstate transportation and close proximity to the Port of New Orleans—all important elements needed to compete in today's global market.

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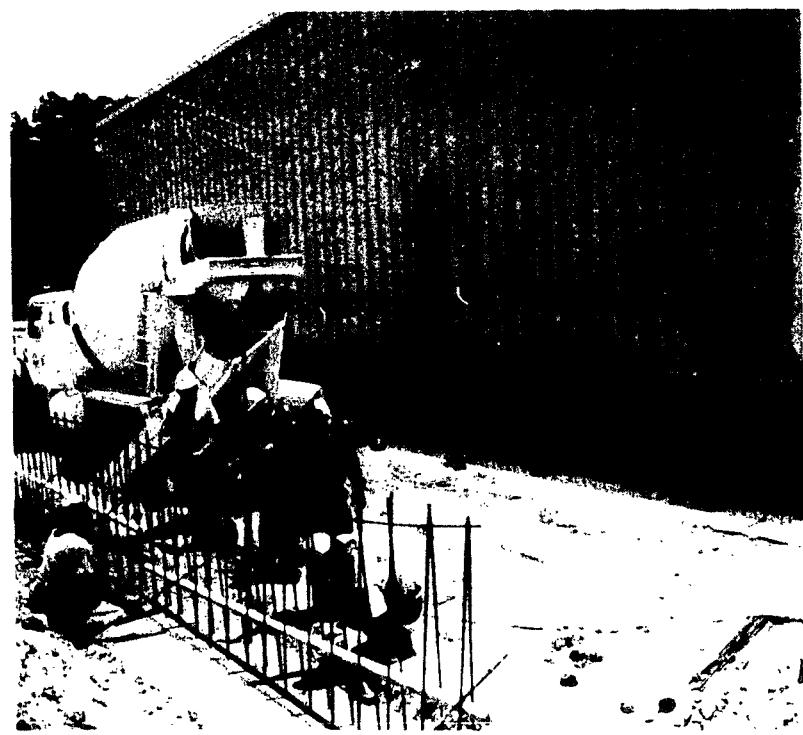
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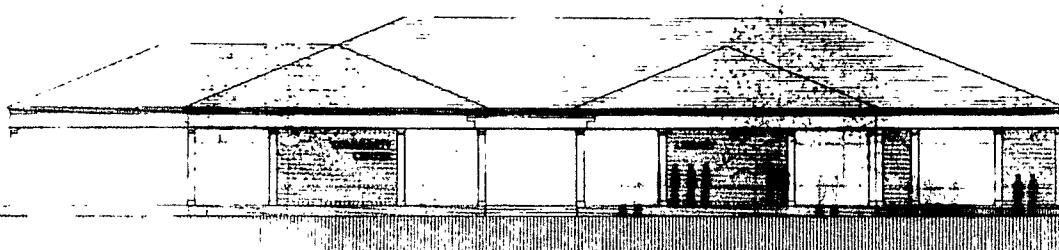
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**Dock construction**

Workers pour cement for a loading dock for a machine ship at the old ammo plant



## Proposed Kiln Library

### New library planned in Kiln area

With the completion of the new headquarters building and the renovation and specialization of services at the Waveland Library Literacy Center, the Hancock County Library System Board of Trustees is now undertaking the next step in the library system's long-range plan adopted in the early 1990s.

The plan included automating library functions, which was completed in 1990; expansion and renovation of the headquarters building, completed in 1995; and renovation and better utilize the Waveland Library Literacy Center, completed in 1995. The next step is the expansion of services north of I-10, i.e., a new full-service library in the Kiln area that will serve the needs of the residents north of I-10.

Library use is at an all-time high. Figures at the present Kiln Library show that circulation has doubled in the past five years, from 6,600 visits in 1991 to more than 12,000 in 1996. Children's programs at the library, especially the Summer Reading Program, are overcrowded.

In April, 1997, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution authorizing the Library System Board of Trustees to apply for a state construction grant for a new Kiln Library.

A new library in the Kiln area would provide adult and young adult reading rooms, full service book and media collection, a special children's area, a small conference room, a quiet study area, an electronic reference center and a multipurpose community meeting room.

In December, 1996, the Hancock County Library System was presented the Community Pride Award by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce for its continued commitment to community service, community economic development and community beautification.

Public access catalog self-service features were recently announced by the library system for library users to be able to review their own library account information, review their own holds and items out and to renew their own books.

The Library Foundation and the Library System annually sponsor a Holiday Tree Gala, featuring Christmas trees decorated by local businesses, organizations and schools throughout the new headquarters building.

Other features include:

- Renaissance — The Revival of a Community — a mosaic mural created by more than 200 members of the community under the direction of muralist Elizabeth Veglia;
- Louie St. Louis, an alligator bench carved by artist Alexander Brown from a Mississippi cypress log, sitting beneath a double-sided aquarium in the Ulman Avenue lobby;
- The Library Oak, a 170-year-old live oak listed on the Hancock County Historical Society's live oak registry, and the Richard Thames Memorial Oak, planted in 1975, listed as an "honor" oak on the registry;
- The Foundation Tree, a bronze-leaved tree located in the Highway 90 lobby, with each leaf representing an annual commitment to The Library Foundation.

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# Chamber active voice in Hancock County

BY RICHARD MEEK

Several new programs and a new bureau illustrates the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's active role in the community.

In the past year, the Chamber has been instrumental in launching an adult education program, and has begun the Hancock County Tourism Bureau, the first of its kind in county history. Additionally, the Chamber recently graduated its first leadership development class.

"The Chamber provides a unified voice for business in Hancock County," Chamber Executive Director Cindy Vernon said. "The Chamber offers businesses a chance to be involved in a focused, efficient manner. It is business' arm of action in the community, working everyday to promote positive awareness both within and outside Hancock County."

The Chamber is governed by a 20-member Board of Directors that direct committees touching on nearly every aspect of life in the community.

The Beautification Committee is intended to address the appearance of the county.

Its programs includes biannual cleanups, adopt-a-road/street, anti-litter campaigns in the schools, a parkway commission that oversees all major thoroughfares and arterials, and honoring a business monthly for its beauty.

The Education Committee helped form and plan the Hancock 2000 community education program. After careful planning, the program kicked off last fall with classes offered at Bay High School and Hancock High School. The response was tremendous, as was the spring enrollment.

More classes are planned for this fall.

The Economic Development is intended to further the development and growth of Hancock County through promotion and communication of the assets of the community as well as to assist in the process of educating citizens on various issues. The committee played an active role in helping school bond issues pass in both the Hancock County and Bay St. Louis-Waveland school districts.

The two bonds totaled \$29 million.

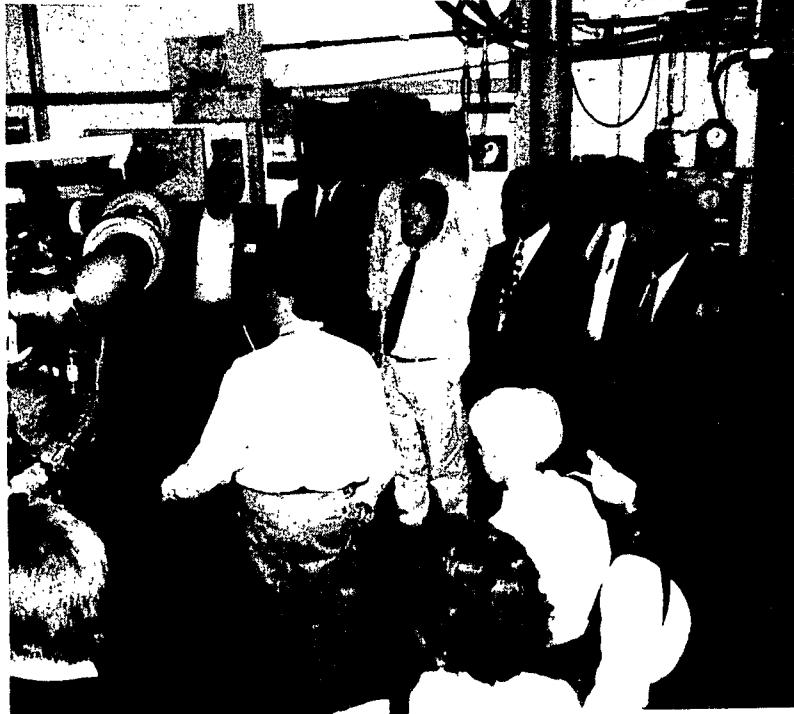
The Environmental Committee is currently actively involved in helping the county locate mitigation sites, crucial to the continued growth of Hancock County. The committee is also involved with water quality, wetlands issues, and working with local officials toward a countywide central sewerage disposal system.

The Leadership Development Committee helped put together a leadership program that lasts nearly one year. The program is designed to promote the development of interpersonal relationships among the participants which will provide a network to address the needs of the community.

"The result is a continuing flow of strong, active, community-committed alumni whose networking system will continue to be expanded as the graduate continues on to higher levels of leadership," Vernon said. "It provides the graduates the opportunity to utilize their own innate abilities along with skills developed through the program."

Last year, Beth Carriere was named the first Tourism Director for the county. Carriere's role is to increase the tourism business in Hancock County.

For more information on the Chamber or any of its programs, call 467-9048.



**Leadership class**

Students in the first Hancock County Leadership Development class take a tour of the rocket assembly plant at Stennis Space Center. The program is designed to promote the development of interpersonal relationships among the participants.



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